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ISRAEL, JORDAN SIGN TREATY

Peace sealed in gala Arava ceremony

ALON PINKAS

WITH colored balloons soaring and the echoes of a 21-gun salute ringing, Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty yesterday at the Arava border crossing.

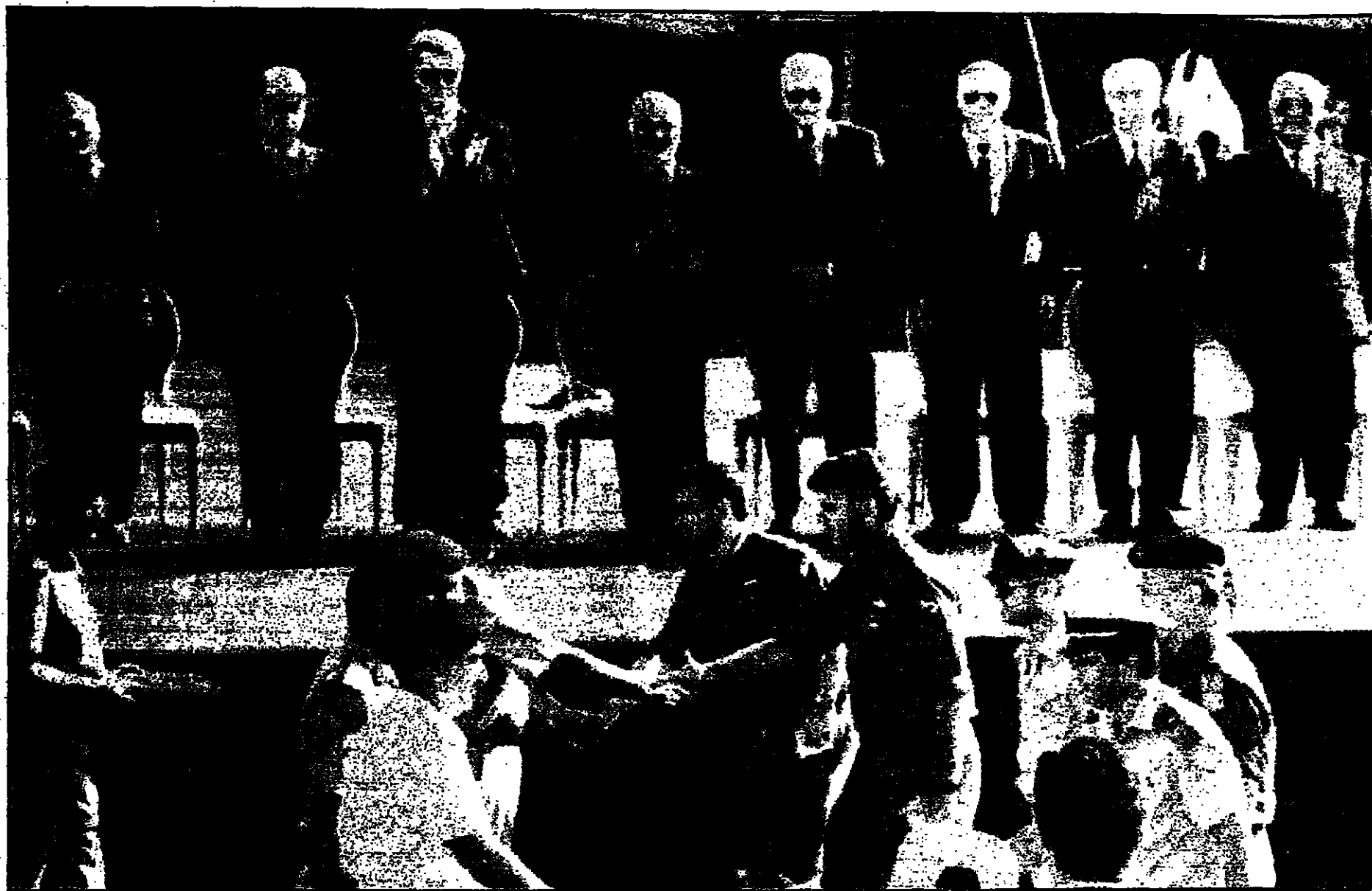
The historic accord was signed at 2:10 p.m. by Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Abdul Salam Majali, as President Bill Clinton, King Hussein, and President Ezer Weizman looked on.

"It is not only our states that are making peace with each other today, not only our nations that are shaking hands in peace here in the Arava," said Rabin. "You and I, your majesty, are making peace here, our own peace, the peace of soldiers and the peace of friends."

"This is peace with dignity, this is peace with commitment, this is our gift to our peoples and the generations to come," said Hussein.

"Here in this region, which is the home of not only both your faiths, but mine, I say: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will inherit the earth,'" said Clinton, quoting Jesus's Sermon on the Mount.

Despite the announcement minutes before the ceremony started



Five Jordanian and five Israeli generals shake hands following yesterday's signing ceremony, while the dignitaries look on (from left): Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, US President Bill Clinton, King Hussein, President Ezer Weizman, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali.

with bomb-sniffing dogs. Plumes of dust rose in the surrounding desert as armored personnel carriers from both sides roamed. Helicopters clattered overhead.

Standing in the 32 degree centigrade heat, the assembly observed a minute of silence for the war dead.

At the start of the hour-long ceremony, the Jordanian and Israeli army bands each played their national anthems, and then together played "The Star-Spangled Banner." Sheikh Mahmud Dabash read a portion from the Koran, and Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar-Yashuv Cohen, who was a prisoner of war in Jordan during the War of Independence, read Psalm 121.

"This is the moment warriors in Jordan and Israel have dreamed of. The time of peace has come," emcee Haim Yavin, of Israel Television, said in officially opening the ceremony. His Jordanian counterpart, the deputy minister of protocol, repeated the words in Arabic and English.

The crowd - and Clinton - were visibly moved when two little girls, Lee Lotan of Israel and Hebas Smadi of Jordan, gave him flowers. Both their grandfathers had been killed in the Six Day War.

The dignitaries were introduced, and the speeches began; the treaty, the second between Israel and an Arab state, was signed and witnessed.

And then, it was the turn of the warriors. Five from each side: the respective chiefs of general staff, commanders of ground forces, air forces, Southern Command, and navy commanders (Israel was represented by the deputy commander) saluted each other, shook hands, and exchanged gifts.

Thousands of black, green, red, blue, and white balloons were released into the desert air. The ceremony was over.

When the signing of the agreement and the maps was completed, Yehuda Wachsmann, the father of Sgt. Nahshon Wachsmann, who was kidnapped by Hamas terrorists and murdered, stood up, then sat down again.

"It's a day of celebration for all of us. In the long run we must reach lasting peace and prosperity in the entire region," he said.

Police brace for Clinton visit today

BILL HUTMAN

POLICE are bracing for possible unrest by Jerusalem Arabs and anti-government Jewish groups during President Bill Clinton's visit.

Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit said last night that Palestinian activists had called for a large protest of the Clinton visit on the Temple Mount tomorrow. He vowed that police would act to prevent it.

Moslem prayer services would be allowed as scheduled on the Temple Mount, but police would not allow rabble-rousers into the area, he said.

Many of the 5,000 policemen in Jerusalem this week - more than

twice the normal number - have been stationed in Arab neighborhoods to ensure quiet.

"We understand that residents of eastern Jerusalem and surrounding villages have planned disturbances," Amit said. "We also understand that right-wing groups have planned all kinds of gimmicks to protest the visit."

"We simply are not going to allow any of these protesters to get near the routes used by the president. Even if it's just a few people, we can't take a chance that his convoy will be halted by protesters."

Amit said that the beefed-up forces have been in place virtually all week. Some 500 policemen are to be stationed at the King David Hotel throughout Clinton's stay. The street in front of the hotel is to be closed to traffic, and pedestrians will be searched before they are allowed to pass.

Police sources said it remains unclear if Clinton will visit the Old City, as they have received reports that the planned tour of the holy sites might be canceled.

Police had planned to seal off the Old City when Clinton was inside, by placing large police contingents at each gate.

southerly desert wind.

Crown Prince Hassan, then the foreign ministers - Christopher, Peres, and Andrei Kozyrev of Russia, joined them.

The crowd sat on chairs arranged on the newly asphalted plaza in a former mine field straddling the border - Israeli generals in combat fatigues mixing with Jordanians in red keffiyehs, diplo-

mats in ties and farmers in open-necked shirts, former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and elder statesman Abba Eban - and ordinary people invited because they lost loved ones in the wars between the two countries now making peace.

Security was tight throughout the ceremony, with agents patrolling the blacktop and bleachers

The Last American Hostage in the Middle East



Sgt. Zachary Baumel
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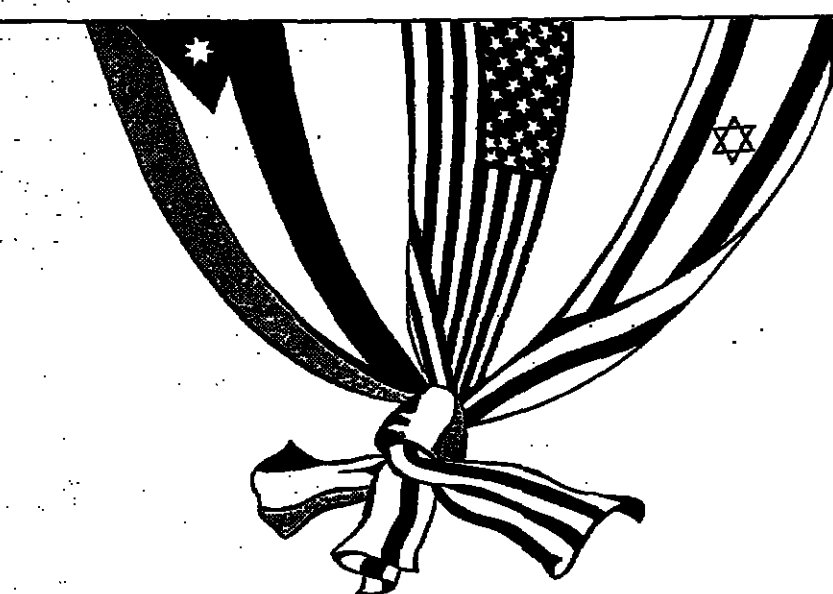
President Clinton,...

- On June 11, 1982 three Israeli soldiers were taken prisoner in the battle of Sultan Yakoub in Syrian controlled Lebanon. One of the captured men, Sgt. Zachary Baumel is an American citizen.
- On that day an American journalist from Time Magazine witnessed three captured Israeli soldiers on display in Damascus.
- In 1991, Israel helped secure the release of American and European hostages being held in Lebanon. Those men returned home, while Israeli hostages remained in captivity.
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'A day like no other'

LIAT COLLINS

was showtime. King Hussein called it "a day like no other," and few of the 5,000 gathered at the Arava crossing point could dispute him. The mountain scenery, emphasizing the proximity of Eilat and Akaba, encouraged convivial relations between the Jordanians and Israelis who sat next to each other.

It was a day of peace. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Clinton, and Queen Noor and Jilly Clinton didn't seem to mind joining in the same striking turquoise color.

Dress, in fact, played an important role. Or at least headgear. Cpl. Effi, standing next to the journalists, had collected seven of the eight different types of hats at the site before the ceremony had even begun. *Ma'ariv*, *Idiot Aharonot*, the Israel Airports Authority, black and red caps stamped "Royal Jordanian" and hats issued by the Mei Eidan bottled water company were swapped and traded among Israelis and Jordanians.

The water was essential for those who arrived in the early hours of the morning to prepare to cover the event. Frequent reminders to drink

were broadcast. "We don't want to have to bring ambulances here," explained a soldier from the IDF Spokesman's Office. Eilat's Josephthal Hospital was, however, placed on alert and apparently a separate room was set aside for Clinton in case of emergencies.

For the longest while, journalists had nothing much to do but interview each other and listen to the eclectic collection of piped classical music, ranging from the "Blue Danube" to the "Flight of the Bumble Bee." No wonder it felt surreal.

And then, as if to encourage the crowds to take their seats, the bands came on. Jordanian and Israeli military bands, one after the other, marked the beginning of the ceremony all had been waiting for.

The national anthems were played. The 21-gun salute was fired. And there was the emotional minute of silence "to remember those for whom this peace came too late," as emcee Haim Yavin said.

If it had been exciting, it was suddenly sad. But not for long. The leaders addressed the crowds, the cameras and the hidden millions of television spectators around the world. Only the

shouts from the Jordanian side of "Long Live the King" momentarily recalled the tension. Some Israelis, unable to understand what the yells meant, temporarily feared the worst - the shouts of terrorists.

But despite the fears of the hundreds of security men who wandered around the site, the event passed without incident. So unlike the Cairo signing ceremony with the PLO, it was orderly, dignified, and happy. A collective sigh of relief went out as Clinton, President Ezer Weizman, King Hussein, and others witnessed that, this time, nobody would object to signing the agreements.

Hot and sweating, the dignitaries themselves began to borrow sunhats and sunglasses and wipe the sweat from their faces. In their suits and ties, they probably suffered far more than their generals, who provided a highlight by exchanging gifts, saluting each other and shaking hands.

The end was close. The three main actors came forward and looked as if they were about to take a bow. Those balloons which had not escaped during Tuesday's storm were released. And again the national anthems were played, making one automatically reach for the remote control to switch off as if at the end of the day's broadcasts.



Side by side, the members of the Jordanian and Israeli military bands smile and shake hands for the camera. (Ariel Jeruzolimski)

Veteran's message to Hussein: Bravo!

LIAT COLLINS

WHAT did Dan Prass think about during the moment's silence at yesterday's signing ceremony?

"I thought of the peace. I thought how happy I am to see this. And I remembered the soldier who lay beside me in the hospital and died of his injuries five years after the war ended."

For Prass, confined to a wheelchair, "the war" will always mean the Six Day War in which he was injured as he fought near Jerusalem's Rockefeller Museum.

And what would Prass say to King Hussein if he had the chance to meet him in person?

"That's a difficult question. But I think I would say to him 'Kol Hakavod!' [Bravo!]. He did a brave thing."

As at all past meetings, many Jordanians were pleased to speak to Israelis, but not willing to give their names, despite the fact that they trotted out well-worn phrases such as "I'm very happy" and "It's very good."

An anonymous colonel was no exception. He had met Israelis before in the US, and was used to their direct approach, but unwilling or unable to cope with it. Only one question momentarily flooded him: When would he be prepared to be identified in an Israeli paper? "Oh, I don't know. It could be as soon as another five minutes the way this peace is going," he joked.

Maj.-Gen. Talsin Shurdon was willing to give his name to *The Jerusalem Post*, even though he is the head of Jordanian Military Intelligence. "We must work in cooperation to bring peace to the region," he said, noting that he had met Israeli officers several times, "and each time the barriers came down a little more."

Israeli Arabs ecstatic

DAVID RUDGE

"THIS is a great day, a holiday for the Arab and Jewish peoples," declared Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the monitoring committee of the Israeli Arab leadership, as he prepared to watch the signing of the peace treaty on television at his home in Mash'had, near Nazareth.

"Arabs throughout the country have been waiting for this moment for so many years - the chance to be able to freely visit relatives and family in Jordan," said Suleiman, who is also head of Mash'had local council. "You can feel the atmosphere of happiness in every Arab town and village throughout the country," he said. "There is not one family who doesn't have friends or family in Jordan."

"That is one of the reasons why Jordan has always had a warm place in our heart," Suleiman said. "Now we look forward to the days, the very moving moments, when we will be able to meet relatives we have not seen for years and some whom we have never seen. There will be a lot of hasty parties."

Suleiman said the fact that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was not invited to the ceremony and the dispute over the future of Jerusalem should not be allowed to become major obstacles to the path of peace.

"It's a great pity that many leaders from the Arab world weren't present at the ceremony for this historic moment," said Suleiman.

"Problems won't be solved by issuing statements via the media, but by all the sides, as well as Jordan and the PLO, sitting down together and discussing and solving the problems in face-to-face talks," he said.

He maintained that the majority of Israeli Arabs fully support the peace process and oppose those who were trying to torpedo it through acts of terrorism.

"We have made it clear and we reiterate that groups like the military wing of Hamas have no right to exist," he said. "Hamas, as a political organization, has a legitimate right like any other movement. But those who commit acts of murder against innocent civilians, Jews and Arabs, invalidate themselves by their crimes."

"We call on Arab states to follow in the footsteps of Jordan and expect peace will be achieved between Israel and all the Arab nations, because the main problem between Israel and the Palestinians is on the way to being solved and there is no reason for others not to join the peace process," he said.

CLINTON

(Continued from Page One)

Hailing King Hussein's courage, the president said the US stands behind Jordan. "We will not let you down," Clinton proclaimed.

He reiterated that the US would forgive the estimated \$700 million Jordanian debt, and would encourage other countries to forgive Jordan's debts as well, since Jordan is taking "risks for peace."

Regarding expected US plans to modernize Jordan's military forces so long as the country reduces the number of its troops, Clinton said, "We will work with Jordan to meet legitimate defense requirements and give you the security you deserve."

Clinton holds talks this morning with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus before flying to Israel, where he is to address the Knesset tonight.

First Israeli-Jordanian production

A first joint Israeli-Jordanian publication - a pictorial guide and souvenir book called *Jordan* - was published yesterday by Palphot, an Israeli publishing house. Combining the talents of Jordanian photographer Garo Nalbadian and *Jerusalem Post* writer Carl Schrag, it features 228 color photographs of the Hashemite Kingdom.

THE "BENEFITS" OF PEACE?

- Will the Rabin Government's peace treaty with Jordan, like the Rabin-Arafat "peace" agreement, which has seen a marked increase in Arab terrorist attacks against Jews... also bring Israel the "benefits" of peace?
- Will the United States - which forged and forgave Jordan's King Hussein - who supported Iraq's Saddam Hussein - also bring Israel the "benefits" of peace?
- Will a government which gives Jordan the rights to Har Habayit - our Temple Mount - while forbidding Jews to pray at Judaism's holiest shrine... also bring Israel the "benefits" of peace?

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NEWSLINE with ARA VOSKIAN

Voskian is a Jerusalem-born Palestinian and news editor at The Jordan Times in Amman.

The Jordan Times ran a piece today saying that people will have to be readjusted to accept peace with Israel. What did this mean?

I would presume it is to show both the good sides of the agreement, the benefits of peace, much more than the no war, no peace situation. We have to show that peace works.

Do you think Jordanians will accept the transformation in political relations overnight?

It takes years for the heart to accept. We may agree with peace in our minds, but it's going to take a generation to change, though I hope it will be much sooner.

Have Jordanians known about Hussein's long relationship with Israeli leaders?

I think it was a very well known secret. But it is not an important issue. The king is such an outgoing person. He is one of the nicest people in the world that I know. I'm sure whatever he did was for the benefit of the country.

Many Palestinians here are angry, saying that Hussein is trying to hold on to the Moslem holy sites in Jerusalem over which he has no rights. What is your view?

He has always been the rightful guardian. Whatever changes in the future may be made, as the king said, will be up to the Palestinian people, but he has always been the guardian, since the day I was born. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said those who don't accept the Palestinians' claims in Jerusalem can "go and drink Gaza sea water." Is that considered an insult?

People do not pay a lot of attention to that. In politics, a lot of people say a lot of things, but at the end of the day there is always agreement among the Arab leaders.

What are Jordanian attitudes to Israelis. Will they be welcome? We asked a few questions on that subject to children and grownups. There are all kinds of opinion, but the vast majority will accept Israelis. You can rest assured that no one is going to hug and kiss you, at least not now. When the peace is comprehensive, things will go far. But people for instance do not like that Israelis are still shooting Palestinians. Should Palestinians feel the treaty benefits them?

I support the king all the way. I wish he had done it a few years earlier. The signing is to the benefit of all. The people know the peace is the right thing to do. You know after so many years of war you need to convince them. You want to be sure it is right. There is always some lingering doubt about the enemy.

I am a Palestinian, born in Jerusalem, and for me having the peace is the best thing that ever happened.

Oman's foreign minister: Ties could come soon

DAVID MAKOVSKY

AMMAN

"There is no linkage," Bin Alawi said. "The matters are technical, not political. We have to draw the lines of our new relationship. We are in good contact" with Israel. The Omani official said there is no need for a formal peace treaty between the two countries, since Oman and Israel have never been in a state of war with each other.



Peace with Jordan

A US official said he believes Israeli-Omani ties could be forged soon. He noted that Oman has gained from its participation in multilateral peace talks on water, believing links with Israel would help it gain cooperation in the area of desalination.

In describing his feelings about the day, Bin Alawi said, "This is an historic event. We have been waiting

for this moment for too long - 40 years. Congratulations to both the Israeli and Jordanian peoples."

In a separate interview, Qatari Foreign Minister Hamed Jassem Thani said he was proud to represent his country at such an event. "We came here to show our acceptance and happiness about this occasion. We hope this occasion can be repeated in Syria and Lebanon," he declared.

Asked whether diplomatic ties between the two countries is linked to an Israeli-Syrian breakthrough, Thani suggested that it is. "We are a neighbor to Israel," he said. "We think after the peace process is finalized, I am sure there will be a lot of cooperation between us. If peace is finalized, I don't think we will have any problems, only cooperation."

The Indonesian state secretary, who also attended the event, said his country, which has a Moslem population of over 150 million, is also considering diplomatic ties with Israel.

Meanwhile, when asked by *The Post* how he foresaw progress in peace talks with Syria, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said this is the next priority and Moscow is committed to a successful conclusion of Syrian-Israeli peace.



Teenagers in Jerusalem celebrate the signing of the peace treaty last night. (Ariel Jeruzolimski)

American Arabs and Jews on Clinton 'peace flight'

ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

A SPECIAL peace flight accompanied President Bill Clinton to the Middle East, as American Arabs and Jews traveled together to yesterday's ceremony of reconciliation.

Nineteen Arab-American leaders, 30 Jewish-American leaders, and five additional religious leaders flew to the Arava to join the US delegation as Clinton's official presidential guests. They were joined at the ceremony by additional American Jewish leaders, who had vied for coveted invitations.

The atmosphere on the plane was "warm and joyous," said Lynn Lyss, chairman of the National Jewish

Community Relations Advisory Council. She said the rapport with the Arab-Americans "was like a coming together after we have been kept apart for so long."

Just before the plane landed, the travelers organized an impromptu interdenominational prayer service. One of the Arab-American leaders read from the Koran, and Jewish Theological Seminary Chancellor Ismar Schorsch said the prayer *Oseh Shalom*.

Excited by their presence at the historic event, the American Jewish leaders expressed their support for Clinton's gesture of attending the ceremony.

"I think it represents a role that the American government has taken in the region from the beginning, and that is a credit to the president," said Lester Pollack, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "He is making a statement that even in the face of the violence and terrorism in the area that the peace train will keep on moving."

Army brass meet and exchange gifts

ISRAELI and Jordanian generals, after fighting each other for years, shook hands and exchanged gifts yesterday at the end of the peace treaty signing ceremony.

Five generals from each side mingled after their leaders signed an historic treaty at this desolate border post to end a 46-year state of war.

"We lost 2,580 martyrs, many were injured or handicapped and are still suffering from their wounds and consequences," said Lt.-Gen. Mahmoud Hammad, head of the Jordanian Army's ground forces.

"Likewise, the Israeli side also suffered, many miseries were inflicted on them," he told Reuters.

"This [peace treaty], God willing, is the prize of this long conflict." His Israeli counterpart, Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livne, was equally glad to be meeting on a peace rather than a war footing.

"It is a wonderful feeling," he said. "This is a historic day," beamed Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Malkawi, head of the Jordanian Army's southern command, site of the signing ceremony.

"Peace was achieved on the hands of the brave men, his majesty and Mr. Rabin... We have to protect it with all our means."

Malkawi said most of the Jordanian occupied land which Israel agreed to return under the treaty will fall under his jurisdiction.

"Inshallah [God willing] and very soon, we will move the forces to the new locations which we will take over, starting on November 1," said Malkawi, who fought against Israel for control of Jerusalem.

Under the treaty, Israel is scheduled to withdraw its forces to the newly demarcated international border over the next nine months.

But Jordanian officials say they will withdraw fully in a period not exceeding three months from the date the ratified treaties are exchanged.

"Now we have to redeploy our forces all along the border in line with the era of peace, remove mine fields, cut through wire fences, and cooperate," said Hammad.

Many Jordanian and Israeli officers, who met secretly during courses at US military academies, appeared relaxed in each other's company.

"How nice to see you here after 12 years," a Jordanian sergeant told his Israeli colleague as they hugged. "Finally we can meet under the sun."

(Reuters)

A farewell to arms

ALON PINKAS

THE Israeli chief of the general staff stood opposite the Jordanian chief of the general staff. They saluted each other.

The army bands played the "Star Spangled Banner" as the president of the US placed his right arm across his chest. To his left, the Russian foreign minister stood at attention.

Five years ago, this would have sounded like a fairy tale.

To some it had the majestic qualities of a biblical setting, temporarily invaded by modern aviation and telecommunication technology.

To others, it may have lacked the grandeur of the White House lawn, with the president of the US eminent present, but in the unfamiliar role of a guest.

But to all it was a day to cherish. Ministers, Supreme Court justices, religious leaders, MKs from both ends of the spectrum, businessmen, bureaucrats and the entire general staff all celebrated.

Someone had reassured the organizers that US President Bill Clinton is used to the simmering heat from his days in Arkansas.

But when the dust hit the president's eyes, he tried wiping them and then resorted to sunglasses. Rabin also had his sunglasses on, as did former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, who waved his right hand with impatience when asked how he felt.

It is an agreement between the world's longest serving ruler and the country with which his grandfather, Abdullah tried to coexist. It is an agreement between two countries which had been in a state of war for almost five decades, in a state of belligerency that blurred the commonality of their strategic interests.

The "sympathetic king," with whom peace has been "just around the corner" since 1967, finally became convinced that the convergence of mutual interests, global and regional developments, and changing political realities rendered peace ripe.

It was a day of peace, a day that came at last, albeit 46 years late.

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Clinton visit to cause traffic chaos

RESIDENT Bill Clinton is coming to town today, but amid all the excitement and anticipation many Jerusalemites have just one thing on their minds - the traffic mess he is bringing with him.

"Stay at home," was the advice of Deputy Cmdr. Ido Gutman, head of the Jerusalem Police Traffic Division.

"Most roads are going to be open," Gutman said. "But those that are to be closed are so central that it is going to make things impossible all over."

The main entrance to the city from Tel Aviv is to be closed for several hours this afternoon and most of tomorrow morning, making life even more difficult for both residents and commuters.

Police said that American security officials had insisted roads used by Clinton be clear of both traffic and parked cars.

But, Jerusalem police were quick to add they would have closed the roads anyway to help ensure Clinton's safety. "We don't want to take any chances," said one senior officer.

Pedestrians will be allowed on the sidewalks along the closed roads. In an Israeli TV interview earlier this week, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert called on residents of the capital to come out along Clinton's route in large numbers this afternoon to give him a warm public welcome.

"Mr. Clinton is a friend of Israel and a welcome guest," Olmert said. "There is no doubt that his visit will strengthen the position of Jerusalem in the world. We will do everything possible to give him a warm welcome."

BILL HUTMAN

Yesterday, municipal crews rushed to finish putting up American and Israeli flags, clean streets, and fix up public flower gardens in the parts of the city Clinton will pass.

More than 2,000 flags were put up by the municipality, which also organized some 1,500 school pupils to greet Clinton waving flags outside Beit Hanassi tomorrow morning.

At least one school has been closed out of concern pupils would

not be able to get there due to the closure of roads for Clinton, parents reported.

The municipality has distributed over 20,000 leaflets informing residents which roads are being closed.

The leaflets offered some good news: The city would be "understanding" in the enforcement of parking regulations in areas where parking was not forbidden because of the Clinton visit.

The city also offered its own bit of advice to residents: "Show patience in these historic times."

President Clinton's Israel timetable

Today	
3:00 p.m.	Arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport
3:05 p.m.	Official welcome
3:30 p.m.	Entourage leaves for Jerusalem
4:00 p.m.	Arrival at King David Hotel
6:45 p.m.	Meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin
7:30 p.m.	Entourage leaves for the Knesset
7:40 p.m.	Arrival at Knesset
7:45 p.m.	Laying of wreaths outside Knesset
7:50 p.m.	Welcoming speech by Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss
8:00 p.m.	President Clinton addresses the Knesset
9:05 p.m.	Departure from Knesset
9:30 p.m.	News conference, International Convention Center
10:05 p.m.	Return to King David Hotel
Tomorrow	
7:27 a.m.	Departure from King David Hotel
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast with President Ezer Weizman
8:05 a.m.	Departure for Yad Vashem
8:15 a.m.	Arrival at Yad Vashem and wreath laying in memorial hall
9:05 a.m.	Departure for Ben-Gurion Airport
9:40 a.m.	Official farewell at airport
9:50 a.m.	Departure from Israel



Hundreds of policemen attend a briefing yesterday on the lawn of Jerusalem's YMCA, opposite the King David Hotel where President Bill Clinton will stay tonight. (Isaac Harari)

Fatah, Hamas order protest strike

JON IMMANUEL

A GENERAL strike ordered by Fatah and Hamas in the territories outside Gaza and Jericho closed shops and public schools, interfered with traffic, and threatened to become violent in protests against the Israel-Jordan treaty yesterday.

About 500 Fatah supporters marched for an hour in Hebron, and some burned pictures of King Hussein and his brother, Crown Prince Hassan. Some shouted "Death to Hussein," and there were reports Israeli and Jordanian flags were burned.

The choice of Hebron for the main protest, where Fatah is relatively weak, served to warn the many pro-Jordanian Muslim conservatives in the city. In a recent Palestinian survey, one-third of those polled in Hebron opted for union with Jordan, more than in any other town.

In Ramallah, considered a strongly PLO town, pro-Hamas demonstrators crying "Allahu Akbar" marched downtown and then dispersed.

In Nablus, troops dispersed demonstrators after they began throwing stones.

In Jerusalem, border policemen blocked off Salah a-Din Street after disturbances there in the morning.

There was no strike in Gaza or Jericho, where the Palestinian Authority holds power, indicating the strike in the rest of the territories was as much a muscle-flexing exercise as a protest.

Fatah activists and, to a lesser extent, Hamas activists were out in several towns enforcing the strike. Access to Ramallah was blocked in the morning by activists.

Col. Jibril Rajoub, the Jericho security chief, expressed the depth of the Palestinian resentment of Hussein.

"Hussein is no more than a puppet of the Americans in this region," he said. "He is not responsible for the holy places in Jerusalem, and we consider such a step by him as a declaration of war on the Palestinian people."

However, pro-Jordanian officials said Hussein has upheld his claim to the holy places and last year recovered the golden dome of the Mosque of Omar at his own expense.

Rajoub said he had no part in arranging the strike, but the disturbances were a natural response by Palestinians to Jordan's attempt to alter agreements. Not all Palestinians were in agreement.

"Hussein has controlled the Jerusalem holy sites since 1953," said one shopkeeper. "Palestinians cut relations with Hussein, and now they want him to deal with Israel only after checking with Palestinians."

A leaflet of the Fatah Higher Council, headed by Faisal Husseini, asserted that Jerusalem is indivisible from the political, religious, civil, and national point of view, and it warned Hussein against visiting Jerusalem as long as it is under Israeli occupation.

Clinton: Arafat promised to fight terror groups

News agencies

US President Bill Clinton said yesterday that PLO leader Yasser Arafat gave him a "firm and unambiguous" promise to fight Hamas and other extremist groups.

Clinton, who had expressed frustration with the recent wave of violence in the region, proclaimed himself "satisfied with the response."

Clinton met with Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo.

Mubarak said, the countries laboring for reconciliation in the troubled region must not allow terrorists to "spoil the peace process."

Clinton sounded upbeat after his session with Arafat on the need for the PLO leader to do more to control Hamas and other militant Islamic extremist groups.

But the promise came even as Arafat, angry over the treaty giving Jordan a special role in administering Jerusalem's Muslim holy sites, organized protests in Judea, Samaria and east Jerusalem.

"Chairman Arafat said he would continue to do all he could to combat terrorism, specifically Hamas, but other groups as well," Clinton said. "I felt that we got a very firm and unambiguous response," the president added. "He understands, I think, clearly, that Hamas is his enemy now."

Clinton said he told Arafat that

he needed to show the same courage in fighting militancy that he showed in making peace with Israel a year ago. Both Clinton and Mubarak said they were satisfied with Arafat's response.

"At this moment of opportunity,

"Arafat said, 'I'm doing that. I will, I'll do it. Nobody has more of an interest in it than I have,'" the official said.

Marwan Kanafani, spokesman for Arafat, told Gaza reporters that in his meeting with Clinton, Arafat never said he would crack down on Hamas. "We only talked about peace and those who are supporting and opposing peace and how to create a better environment for the peace process."

Arafat also asked Clinton to help lift the closure which which was imposed last week, since this was causing economic difficulties and threatened the peace process. He said Clinton listened very sympathetically.

The Palestinian Authority appealed to the American Consulate in Jerusalem yesterday to coordinate any trip by Clinton into eastern Jerusalem with them, Israel Radio reported.

Jon Immanuel contributed to this report



Arafat loses power

IT was not a good day for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Arafat, who was not invited to the ceremony, met in Cairo with President Bill Clinton earlier yesterday and then rushed back to his Gaza headquarters to catch the second half of the festivities on TV.

Five minutes after turning on his set, power was cut in Arafat's office. The chairman ordered lunch, instead.

Jordanian police stage security crackdown after large Moslem demo

AMMAN (AP) - Jordanian police banned anti-government protest rallies yesterday. The order came a day after Jordan's largest Moslem fundamentalist group drew 5,000 people to a protest gathering in downtown Amman.

The Islamic Action Front, the political arm of the Moslem Brotherhood, had planned a second demonstration after the treaty signing to underscore displeasure with the pact, which the fundamentalists have termed a "sellout" of Jordanian and Palestinian rights.

Security was heightened in the kingdom to avert any incident that would mar the historic event.

In Akaba, army vehicles patrolled the streets, while police and special forces were deployed all along the 5 km. road leading to the royal palace.

Forces at a checkpoint on the main road inspected everyone entering the city, checking identity papers, searching cars, and even opening suitcases and briefcases.

In Amman, anti-riot police were dispersed at main road intersections. Police and army troops, armed with machine guns and automatic rifles, were on rooftops surrounding the parliament, and extra security forces were posted around the US Embassy.

About 100 police stood guard outside the headquarters of the Professional Associations to make

sure their scheduled morning protest was not held.

The associations, dominated by hard-liners who oppose Western interference in the Middle East, include lawyers, medical officers, journalists, and other trade groups.

Leith Shubailat, a former member of parliament and head of the Engineers' Association, said the signing marked "a black day" in Jordan's history.

"We cannot make any peace with Israel, because they have usurped our land... Our people are angry with this treaty," he said.

The government declared yesterday a national holiday for the treaty signing. Government offices, schools and banks were closed, as were many commercial shops.

Thousands were expected to watch state-run Jordan television's live broadcasts of the day's events. State radio also was covering the activities, interspersing its news reports with mood music. It included a new "Song for Peace" performed by a local folk group, Mirage.

MUNICIPALITY of JERUSALEM

Visit of the President of the United States - Changes in Traffic Arrangements

The Municipality of Jerusalem and the Israeli Police Force welcome President Bill Clinton to Israel and to its Capital, Jerusalem, in honor of the historical signing of the Israel-Jordan Peace Agreement.

We apologise in advance for the traffic disruptions necessitated by stringent security arrangements important for ensuring the safety of the President and his entourage while he is in the capital, from 3 pm Thursday, October 27, 1994, until the late morning hours Friday, October 28, 1994.

All the traffic routes to be used by the President of the United States will be closed approximately 30 minutes before his arrival. Parking will not be permitted along these routes. Cars parked in violation of traffic arrangements will be towed to Teddy stadium. Call 100 for further information.

The following parking lots will be closed: Emile Botha, the Windmill at Yemin Moshe, Liberty Bell Park, the Government Compound and Binyanei Ha'uma.

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Thursday October 27, 1994.	
3 pm - 5 pm:	Jerusalem - Tel Aviv Highway, Shazar Boulevard, Ben Zvi Blvd, Haim Hazaz Blvd, Herzog Blvd, Gaza Street, Agron St, King David St.
5 pm - 10 pm:	King David St, Jabotinsky St, Keren Hayesod St, Gaza St, Ruppin St to the Knesset, the area of the Knesset and the Government Compound.
4 pm:	Public transportation will not reach the western wall and the Jewish Quarter.
10 pm - 1 am:	The Old City and the roads leading to it will be closed to all traffic.

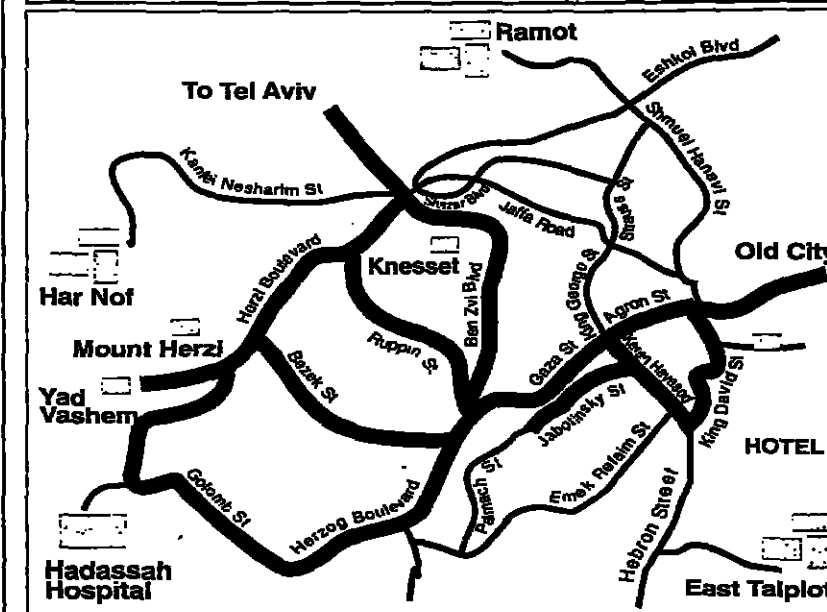
Friday October 28, 1994.

7 am - 9:30 am: King David Street, Jabotinsky Street, Keren Hayesod Street, Gaza St, Herzog Blvd, Bezek Road, Herzl Blvd, area of Yad Vashem, Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway.

* Residents of Mevasseret Zion and of other settlements on the road to Jerusalem will be blocked into their settlements on Thursday, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and on Friday, from 8:00 to 9:30 am.

* Residents of the western neighborhoods of Jerusalem, such as: Bayit Vegan, Kiryat Hayovel, Ir Ganim, etc., should anticipate difficulties in traveling from their neighborhoods to the city center on Friday, from 6:00 to 9:00 am.

It is advisable to wait until 9:00 am before exiting these neighborhoods.



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Public transport routes will be changed according to schedule President Clinton's. Your understanding and patience are requested during these historic times and the beginning of a new era for generations to come. Please follow the instructions of the police on duty.

Updates on the current traffic situation will be broadcast on the radio. Further details will be available from the Municipality Hotline around the clock - telephone 106.

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ISRAEL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY Ben-Gurion Airport.

Notice to Passengers Departing from Ben-Gurion Airport on Thursday afternoon, October 27, and Friday morning, October 28

A ceremony welcoming the president of the United States will take place at Ben-Gurion Airport in the afternoon of Thursday, October 27; a farewell ceremony will take place at the airport Friday morning, October 28.

These ceremonies will undoubtedly cause traffic delays on the approach roads to the airport. Passengers scheduled to take off on Thursday between 2:30 and 6:00 p.m. are asked arrive early, before 2:00 p.m. Passengers scheduled to take off between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon on Friday are asked to arrive early, before 8:00 a.m. The Airport Directorate regrets the inconvenience that will be caused to passengers, and to those seeing off or meeting passengers.

No changes have been made in flight times.

Spokesman's Bureau

Because of the visit of the President of the United States, Yad Vashem will open to the public tomorrow, Friday, at 10 a.m.



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Galilee pupils learn about peace – and war

DAVID RUDGE

PUPILS in Galilee panhandle schools were discussing the peace treaty with Jordan and watching the preparations for the signing ceremony on TV at about 12:30, when the sirens sounded and area residents were ordered into bomb shelters and security rooms.

"We were in the library talking about the peace, when suddenly there was an explosion and we had to go to the shelters," said Ma'ama Shamyani, 11, of Kiryat Shmona.

The mortar attack came as a surprise, despite the Katyusha rockets that hit the Galilee over the weekend.

On the previous occasion, residents of the North had been expecting some form of retaliation after they heard that IDF shells had hit a house in southern Lebanon early in the week, killing five people.

"The children were more upset than ever before," said Samir Weinberg, a mother of five from Metulla. "They couldn't understand what was happening and, more importantly, they couldn't understand why they had to go to the shelters and security rooms."

Weinberg, a lawyer, had left six week-old Eitan at home with her

husband Reuven.

"The alarm was raised in the middle of the hearing, and the judge ordered the court cleared. My secretary's daughter almost fainted from the shock and the suddenness of the alert. My first thought was to race to pick up my young daughter at a nursery in a nearby kibbutz and get back home to make sure everyone was safe."

"I drove past one army roadblock, but was turned away at another on the way to the kibbutz, which was near to where the shells fell. I had no choice but to go back home and telephone from there. I was told that all the children were in the security room and everything was okay," she said.

"Everybody is happy about the peace treaty with Jordan, but there is a feeling that whenever anything bad or good happens, we are among the first to have to pay the price. We feel a bit like punching bags."

"If President Clinton had been here at the time and not in the Arava, I'm sure he would have a better understanding of our security problems, and this might have influenced his attitude, especially in the talks with Syria," she added.

Hizbullah sends Assad a political message

ANALYSIS

DAVID RUDGE

THE attack from Lebanon on the Galilee panhandle as the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel was about to be signed in the Arava, yesterday constitutes a form of "political message."

Long range at civilian targets from firing, trying to inflict casualties, cause damage, and generally disrupt the lives of residents has been an all too frequent occurrence along the northern border.

On this occasion, however, there can be little doubt that the main aim was to show the world that the extremist Muslim groups and Palestinian factions which oppose the peace process were not alone.

There can be no justification for the barrage – unlike Hizbullah's Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee over the weekend, which the organization said were in retaliation for the IDF shelling of a house in south Lebanon in which five people were killed.

The timing of the attack yesterday was clearly deliberate, signalling solidarity with the rejectionists and defiance of those who are promoting peace with those whom the perpetrators see as the "Zionist enemy."

It was also a resounding slap in the face for Syrian President Hafez Assad on the eve his scheduled meeting with US President Bill Clinton on the first visit by an American president to Damascus in 20 years.

Assad is trying to get Syria's name removed from the US blacklist of countries which sponsor terrorism and are involved in the drug trade, as a prelude to seeking American aid to revitalize his country's ailing economy.

Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher have made it clear, especially recently, that America first expects Syria to crack down on terrorist organizations operating in Syria and areas under its

control or supervision, such as most of Lebanon.

A call for quiet was undoubtedly passed to Hizbullah leaders when they met with senior Syrian officials – including the head of Syria's intelligence service in Lebanon, Gen. Ghazi Kaanan – in Damascus earlier this week.

Despite the call, which was presumably accompanied by veiled but clear warnings of the dire consequences of disobedience, the attack on the North went ahead as world leaders gathered in the Arava.

Assad professes to be the "guardian" of the Land of the Cedars. In practice, his troops control most parts of the country, and Lebanese leaders pay obedience to the "Fox of Damascus." And it is in the Syrian capital that major policy decisions are made regarding Lebanon.

It is not clear whether a break-away Hizbullah faction was responsible for the firing, or the Believers Resistance – which recently announced it was joining with Hamas to force Israel to release Islamic leaders – or indeed one of the rejectionist Palestinian factions.

What is certain is that the incident is an acute embarrassment for Assad himself and the whole of the Syrian hierarchy. The attack was most definitely not the kind of reception Assad had in mind for Clinton.

It also demonstrates that Syria is not, perhaps, in complete control of Lebanon, and there are elements which are even prepared to defy Assad himself.

The pressure is now on Assad to make more than symbolic gestures and peaceful overtures, of the kind transmitted to Israel by Foreign Minister Farouk Shara. Clinton also is likely to press Assad to commit himself to fewer words and more deeds in terms of combating the opponents of peace.

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Syrians welcome Clinton, but won't 'surrender'

News agencies

DAMASCUS – While Jordan and Israel were signing the treaty, hundreds of workers planted flowers and painted the curbs in preparation for today's grand welcome for President Bill Clinton.

The visit has been welcomed by the state-run media as a new opportunity for progress in negotiations with Israel.

President Hafez Assad has denounced the treaty, because it allows Israel to continue cultivating small parcels of Jordanian land on a lease basis.

On the President Assad Bridge, many Syrians echoed his displeasure in interviews conducted through a government-appointed translator.

"There can't be a peace without a return of the land... otherwise it's surrender," said Ahmed Abdel Karim, a civil engineering student of Palestinian descent.

"I'm against it," said law student Maha Homsi. "Since the day we were born, we have known Israel as the occupier. Even if there were a peace treaty, Israel would still be the enemy."

Yesterday's government-run newspapers carried front-page previews of the treaty ceremony, but the editorials, which reflect government policy, concentrated on Clinton.

"Clinton's visit will ensure a precious opportunity for him to be ac-

quainted with Syria's desire to achieve peace and its keenness about an effective American role that could rid the region of the danger of wars and tension," *Tishrin* said.

Al-Ba'ath, the mouthpiece of the ruling Ba'ath Party, said: "Overcoming gaps is not an unattainable matter."

In a front page "frank letter" to Clinton, *Al-Ba'ath* editor Turki Sakr, said Syria had chosen peace as a strategic option and not as a political maneuver.

"We will not put impossible demands and will not reject the objective requirements of peace. We simply want the return of our land and we do not think that any people could bargain on their lands."

He did not outline "the objective requirements of peace."

Sakr also expressed the hope that the visit would help further improve Syrian-US ties.

"You come to Damascus in the name of peace. Damascus and its people welcome you... You will find in Damascus deep love for peace and a real desire for progress towards the just and comprehensive peace which could last," he said.

"We hope your new meeting with our leader and president, Hafez Assad, will lead to improvement in bilateral relations and progress towards the just and comprehensive peace."

Mortar attack overshadows ceremony

DAVID RUDGE

MORTAR shells fell in the Galilee panhandle yesterday afternoon, sending thousands of residents scurrying for bomb shelters and security rooms – minutes before the signing of the peace treaty in the Arava.

Those watching their television screens at the time suddenly saw messages instructing them to switch to an emergency channel, while vans with loudspeakers drove through the streets sounding the alarm.

The shells fell on open land in the region, causing no casualties or damage.

Nevertheless, many residents, including schoolchildren, spent nearly three hours in shelters and security rooms before it was considered safe to step outdoors again.

At first it was thought that Katyusha rockets had exploded in the area, but it turned out the blasts were caused by bursting mortar shells – adding a new dimension to the seemingly ever-present threat from the Lebanese side of the border.

No organization had by last night claimed responsibility for the sudden and totally unexpected attack.

Lebanese analysts, however, said it appeared to have been the work of elements of the Islamic Resistance, the fighting arm of Hizbullah, or one of its affiliated groups, the Believers' Resistance.

The latter announced earlier this week it was joining Hamas in the efforts to force Israel to release detained Islamic leaders, especially Hamas spiritual head Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, regional Hizbullah chief Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, and the Believers' Resistance's own leader Mustafa Dirani.

Dirani, who held missing IAF navigator Ron Arad before handing him over to pro-Iranian elements in Lebanon, was himself snatched by IDF commandos from his home in northern Lebanon earlier this year.

Hizbullah officials, headed by the organization's secretary gener-



Residents of Kiryat Shmona take to their bomb shelter yesterday.

(AP)

al Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, were reportedly given clear instructions by the Syrians to curb all operations for the duration of US President Bill Clinton's visit to the region.

Whatever else, the attack yesterday was a clear violation of the understandings brokered by the Americans among Syria, Hizbullah, and Israel which ended Operation Accountability last summer.

The incidents began in the morning with long-range attacks on an IDF position in the Ali Tahr region, in the central sector of the zone and on SLA outposts in the Rehan and Aishiyeh areas in the

eastern sector.

There were no casualties among either the IDF or SLA troops.

The return fire, however, was moderate and apparently designed not to cause an escalation in the region.

A short time later, two separate salvos of what were at first reported to be Katyusha rockets were fired from north of the zone.

UNIFIL sources said some fell near a Finnish position of the international peacekeeping force in the Taibeh region, some three kilometers north of the international border.

The remainder crashed into the

Galilee panhandle, sending residents in the region scurrying for cover.

It is believed the mortars used were 120 millimeter, types which have a range of around nine kilometers and are generally more accurate than Katyusha rockets.

IDF and SLA gunners fired toward the positions of the attackers, but again the response was restrained.

Reports from Lebanon said IAF warplanes flew dummy sorties over virtually all parts of south Lebanon immediately after the attack on the Galilee, but without blasting any targets.

Later in the afternoon, gunmen fired anti-tank missiles at another SLA position in the eastern sector of the zone, but again without causing any injuries or damage. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Last night, a tense quiet reigned along the northern border and inside the zone, with IDF and SLA troops on maximum alert.

The shooting yesterday followed Katyusha rocket and mortar attacks on the Galilee over the weekend, which Hizbullah said was in retaliation for the killing of seven Lebanese civilians last week in IDF and SLA shelling.

Hizbullah holds frenzied Beirut protest against peace accord

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

mentalist terror.

In a statement carried in Lebanese newspapers, Hizbullah accused the US administration of launching a media and political campaign against Muslim Arabs, in cooperation with the "Zionist enemy."

Hizbullah charged that the campaign, "under the cloak of fighting terrorism," was in fact aimed at destroying "our legitimate rights, including our self identity."

"The true face of the peace process has been exposed," the statement said. "This well-coordinated campaign seeks to cover the Zionist crimes and equate resistance

with terrorism to put more pressure on regional politicians and exert more concessions from them."

Hizbullah said the US, in collaboration with Israel, is trying to divide Arabs and instigate an internal war.

"By portraying the Islamic Arab nations and peoples as being divided between terrorists and peace lovers, they are trying to provoke an internal war," said the statement.

Hizbullah called on all Leba-

nese "national and Islamic forces, and Palestinians" to participate in the mass demonstration in Beirut to protest against the signing of the peace accord.

The head of the Shi'ite supreme council in Lebanon, Sheikh Mohammed Shemseddine, rejected charges that the Islamic resistance, the fighting arm of Hizbullah, was a terrorist organization.

"We are mourning our civilians killed by illegal weapons fired by the Zionists as [US President Bill] Clinton is touring the region, and he keeps equating the Islamic resistance with terrorism," Shemseddine was quoted as saying in

Lebanese newspapers. "We don't accept these insults," he said. "We are not terrorists. We are just defending ourselves and our dignity."

Despite Syrian messages to Hizbullah to curb operations in South Lebanon for the duration of Clinton's visit, gunmen attacked South Lebanese Army positions in the Soujoud and Ghazlan areas in the eastern sector of the security zone yesterday.

Several mortar rounds fell near the positions, although there were no reports of casualties among the SLA troops. SLA gunners returned fire.

CAN HAFEZ ASSAD BE TRUSTED?

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CLINTON:

We welcome you to Israel - but please do not ask Israel to give up its vital national security in the Golan Heights.

Mr. President, when you meet with Syrian dictator Hafez Assad, we hope you will keep in mind Syria's record of violating international agreements that it has signed:

* Syria's Commitment to Limit its Forces in Lebanon: VIOLATED

In April 1976, Syria and Israel agreed to the "red line understanding," according to which Syria would not send into Lebanon more than one brigade of soldiers, and no missiles or aircraft. Syria has violated all three of these promises.

* Syria's Commitment to Withdrawal from Lebanon: VIOLATED

In the Riyadh-Cairo accords of 1978, the Fez Declaration of 1982, and the Ta'if Accord of 1989, Syria promised to remove its occupation forces from Lebanon - yet it has broken all three of these accords, by refusing to withdraw its 40,000 troops from Lebanon.

* Syria's Commitment to Shut Down Terror Bases: VIOLATED

In 1987 and 1992, Syria signed agreements with Turkey, promising to shut down facilities in Syria that were being used by the PKK, a Kurdish anti-Turkish terrorist group. But the Syrians never shut them down.

* Syria's Commitment to Prevent Hizbullah Attacks: VIOLATED

In July 1993, Assad promised Secretary of State Warren Christopher that he would prevent Hizbullah rocket attacks by terrorists based in south Lebanon. But the attacks have continued.

* Separation of Forces on the Golan Heights: HONORED

This agreement, made in 1974, has been observed until today, thanks to the presence of the IDF on the Golan Heights, 55 km. from Damascus.

Mr. President, we hope you will recall the statement by the late Anwar Sadat, that Hafez Assad's word could not be trusted, that it "was, in fact, 1001 words."

And we hope you will remember the promise made by your predecessor, President Gerald Ford, to give "great weight" to Israel's need to retain the strategically vital Golan Heights. Unlike dictators, democratically elected presidents are expected to honor the commitments of their predecessors.

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Visions of peace yesterday (clockwise from top left): Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Bill Clinton, and King Hussein share a plause with the crowd at the conclusion of the signing ceremony at the Arava border crossing; Hillary Clinton, Queen Noor, and Lea Tabin arrive at the ceremony; Jerusalem Municipality workers install a welcoming billboard near the entrance to the city; President Clinton, flanked by Rabin and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali, initials the treaty's border map; a young woman places flowers in one of 540 cemeteries across the country, where each grave of Israel's 18,064 fallen received a bloom to mark the peace with Jordan; Fatah Hawks shout anti-peace slogans during a rally in Hebron. (Photos, clockwise: Reuters; AP; Isaac Harari; AP; IDF Spokesman; AP)



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The speech of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

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"From this podium, I look around and I see the Arava. Along the horizon, from the Jordanian side and the Israeli side, I see only a desert. There is almost no life here. There is no water, no well, and not a spring — only mine fields."



Peace with Jordan

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"For nearly two generations, desolation pervaded the heart of our two peoples. The time has now come not merely to dream of a better future — but to realize it."

"Leaders should clear the path, should show the way, but the road itself must be paved by both peoples. I don't believe that we would have reached this great moment without the desire for peace in the hearts of

both peoples: in the hearts of the soldiers and the intellectuals, in the hearts of the farmers and of the lorry drivers who drive through the Arava highways in Jordan and Israel, in the hearts of teachers and of the little children."

"Both nations were determined that the great revolution in the Middle East would take place in their generation."

"From this podium, I look around and I see the Arava — and I see you: Our generation and the next, we are the ones who will transform this barren place into a fertile oasis. The drab browns and dull grays will burst forth in living vibrant greens."

"Your Majesty, peace between states is peace between peoples, it is an expression of trust and esteem."

"I have learned to know and admire the quiet and the smiling power with which you guard your nation and the courage with which you lead your people. It is not only our states that are making peace with each other today, not only our nations that are shaking hands in peace here in the Arava. You and I, your Majesty, are making peace here, our own peace, the peace of soldiers and the peace of friends."

"President Clinton, thank you for your tremendous support throughout the entire process, which was vital for the achievement of this final result."

"I would like to thank many others on the Israeli side, on the Jordanian side, that worked very hard — day and night — that we will be allowed this great moment. The foreign minister of Israel, the head of our team, Elyakim Rubinstein; Ephraim Halevy, and many others that no doubt contributed a lot to this great achievement. As dawn broke this morning and a new day began, new life came into the world — babies were born in Jerusalem. Babies were born in Amman. But this morning is different."

"To the mother of the Jordanian newborn — a blessed day to you. To the mother of the Israeli newborn — a blessed day to you."

"The peace that was born today gives us all the hope that the children born today will never know war between us — and their mothers will know no sorrow."

"Allow me to end by the simple words: Shalom, Salaam, Peace."



US President Bill Clinton claps as Prime Minister Rabin and King Hussein clasp hands.

(Harari/Star)

'Moment of achievement, pride and relief'

Excerpts from the speech of Jordan's King Hussein.

"It is with a sense of enormous pride, a sense of fulfillment, that I stand here before you today, together with President Clinton, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Weizman, and all our distinguished colleagues and friends."

"We will always cherish the memory and honor all those who have fallen over the years, from amongst all of our peoples. I believe they are with us on this occasion and at this time as we come together to ensure, God willing, that there will be no more death, no more misery, no more suspicion, no more fear, no more uncertainty of what each day might bring as has been the case in the past."

"Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and I had the honor of signing the Washington Declaration with President Clinton, our partner and our friend, and we took it upon us ... to shepherd the process of negotiations to a successful conclusion. I believe that both of us share in this moment of achievement and pride and relief, for hopefully we have contributed toward a better future of our peoples for all times to come."

"The prime minister of Israel, the prime minister of Jordan, will shortly ratify the peace treaty between our two countries. This will be witnessed by President Clinton. In a matter of days, we will have completed in Jordan the passage of this peace treaty through the legislature."

King Hussein's speech

"I know it is supported by the overwhelming majority of our people, who have learned today of its passage through the Israeli Knesset by an overwhelming majority. These are moments in which we live the past and the future. This great valley in which we stand will become the valley of peace, and when we come together to build it and to make it bloom as never before, when we come to live next to each other as never before, we will be doing so, Israelis and Jordanians together ..."

"This is peace with dignity, this is peace with commitment, this is our gift to our peoples and the generations to come."

"It will not be simply a piece of paper ratified by those responsible, blessed by the world. It will be real, as we open our hearts and our minds to each other, as we discover a human face to everything that has happened ..."

"All of us have suffered for far too long. President Clinton, you have been our partner, you have been our friend, you have given us your support, together with the administration of the United States of America. You are at the helm during these historic moments. We will always remember the warmth of your welcome to us both in Washington and the warmth of the welcome of the people of the United States of America with which they received our news and lauded

our achievements. "No one will ever forget this day and in particular we will always remember the fact that you personally came to be with us here on this most happy of occasions at the end of a chapter of darkness and the opening of a book of light."

"God bless you and give you ever future success and maybe the word needs some good examples ..."

"Behind us here you see Eilat on Akaba, the way we have lived over the years, in such close proximity unable to meet, to visit each other, to develop this beautiful part of the world. No more, as we look into the future beyond this point with determination, with hope, with commitment. We survived the hard times."

'Peace — no longer a mirage'

President Clinton's speech

Excerpts from US President Bill Clinton's speech.

"WE celebrate the history and the faith of Jordanians and Israelis. But we break the chains of the past that for too long have kept you shackled in the shadows of strife and suffering."

"We celebrate the efforts of great leaders who saw the bright horizon of this dawn, even while the darkness lingered. This vast bleak desert hides great signs of life. Today we see the proof of it, for peace between Jordan and Israel is no longer a mirage. It is real. It will take root in this soil. It will grow to great heights and shelter generations to come."

"I say to the people of Israel and Jordan: Now you must make this peace real, to turn no-man's land into every man's home, to take down the

barbed wire, to remove the deadly mines, to help the wounds of war to heal."

"Open your borders, open your hearts. Peace is more than an agreement on paper. It is feeling, it is activity, it is devotion."

"The forces of terror will try to hold you back. Already they take deadly aim at the future of peace, and in their zeal to kill hope and keep hatred alive, they would deny all that peace can bring to your children. We cannot, we must not, we will not let them succeed."

"Here in the great Rift Valley you have bridged the tragic rift that separated your people for too long. Here in this region, which is the home of not only both your faiths, but mine, I say: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall inherit the earth.'"

First-day postal covers sell out

JUDY SIEGEL

TENS of thousands of first-day covers with the Israel-Jordan peace stamp were snatched up yesterday at post office branches around the country. Supplies of the NIS 3.50 stamp, showing a road sign leading to the path of peace, ran out by afternoon, forcing the Postal Authority to bring in additional stamped envelopes."

Albums with the first-day cover were presented to President Bill Clinton, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein following the signing ceremony. The stamp was also presented to those attending the Arava ceremony and to 1,000 journalists who arrived for the event."

The first Israeli peace stamp was issued in 1979 to mark the Israel-Egypt peace accord. Last August, a stamp marking the "peace process" was put on sale. The Israel-Jordan peace stamp was designed by Ronen Goldenberg of the Bezalel Academy of Art in Jerusalem."

People who still want the envelopes will be able to order them at post office branches or by calling the toll-free number 177-022-2121."

Meanwhile, the Postal Authority boasted yesterday that it had delivered 2,000 of the invitations to the ceremony within a very short time, using a fleet of messengers."

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FOR Ya'acov Edelstein, a Jerusalem resident who spent 11 months in 1949 as a prisoner of war in Jordan, the peace-signing ceremony he saw unfold on his television set yesterday was something only a novelist could dream up.

"I saw before me the images of 1948," Edelstein said. "The hate, the desire of the Arab Legion to tear us into pieces. And now, all of a sudden, there is peace. It's Kafkaesque. People who killed one another are now hugging each other."

Edelstein was 22 when Kfar Etzion fell during the War of Independence. Of the 150 people on the kibbutz, only four survived. He was the only person who was not injured during the months of fighting.

"I'm not sure this peace treaty brings things full circle," Edelstein said. "I am not sure that the hatred I saw from the other side is over. From what I hear from our reporters in

Amman, the peace is not being felt there in the streets."

"Edelstein, diplomatic reporter for the National Religious Party daily Hatzofeh, said that even as peace is being signed, it is important to remember the past, not only look to the future. "The past teaches us that we must be careful to preserve the peace, so that the cruelty of war does not recur."

Edelstein said his treatment as a POW varied from time to time. "The first three months were very difficult," he said. "We were beaten, there was not enough food. But after that we received money from the Red Cross, and with this money we were able to buy food and bribe the guards. This made things a lot easier."

The approximately 700 Jewish prisoners, from Jerusalem, Gush Et-

zion, Latrun and Naharayim, were at first spread out at different prisons in Jordan, but later brought together at one prison camp on the Jordanian-Iraqi border. Edelstein said he would like to visit the prison in Amman where he was held for part of the time. "I'm just curious to see it again," he said.

"When I was in captivity I never imagined that we would ever sign a peace treaty," said Edelstein. "But even then there were rumors among us that meetings were taking place with King Abdullah."

Asked if he agrees with Prime Minister Rabin's characterization of yesterday as a "happy holiday," Edelstein said, "I agree that it is a historic day, but I can't forget the images of the massacre in Gush Etzion. It is difficult for me to say that I felt like dancing, because the happiness now is mixed with the pain of the past. I can't forget the past."

A few months ago, the company laid a similar cable to Egypt via northern Sinai.

Meanwhile, Bezek said it transmitted the signing ceremony to the homes of an estimated two billion viewers around the world via a sophisticated network of mobile satellite stations installed in the Arava.

Bezek transmitted broadcast of ceremony to 2 billion viewers

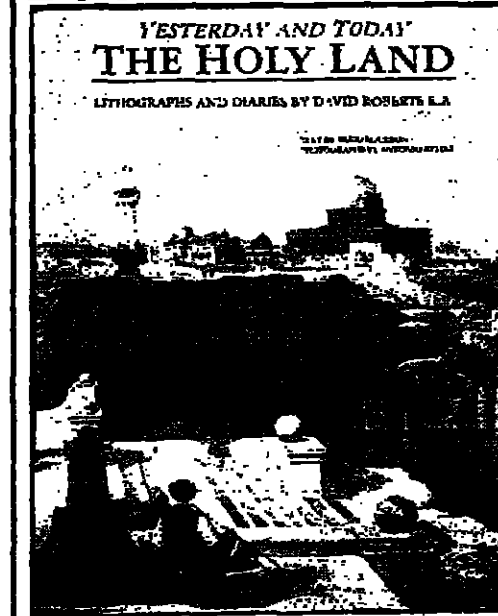
BEZEK and the Jordanian Telecommunications Company yesterday activated a direct telephone connection between the two countries.

The line was made possible by the installation of a dish antenna on a 30-meter-high tower in Jerusalem that faces a similar dish in the Jordanian city of Salt, which transmitted it to Amman.

JUDY SIEGEL

The telephone link, which was activated 10 minutes before the signing ceremony began, can accommodate up to 120 calls simultaneously. Bezek said it is planning the installation of an underground optic cable to connect the two countries between Eilat

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The deal with Syria

It can be safely assumed that President Bill Clinton would not be going to Damascus today had he not been assured that Hafez Assad would make a gesture which would justify the trip. There may be no breakthrough in the sense that Syria will substantially change its positions, but, as the *New York Times* suggested yesterday, the talks between Israel and Syria may be elevated to the foreign minister level.

The remaining disagreements between Syria and Israel are relatively minor. Israel has signaled its readiness to withdraw from the whole Golan, and Syria has hinted that it would be willing to consider normalization. The points of contention are mostly of timing. Israel wants normalization to precede withdrawal, and it wants the evacuation of the Golan to be drawn out over a few years. Syria would like a quick withdrawal, which would precede any discussion of normalization.

What is most disturbing is the internal contradiction in Israel's position. On the one hand, the government says true peace would render the Golan strategically unimportant. On the other, it is preoccupied with the kind of security arrangements which make a mockery of its talk of true peace.

Between neighbors like the US and Canada, or Belgium and Holland, the control of strategic heights is irrelevant. But even if the element of religious fanaticism in the Arab-Israeli conflict is ignored, and Syria's territorial claim to all of Israel is disregarded, the establishment of such neighboring relations between a democracy like Israel and a dictatorship like Syria would be unthinkable.

In the absence of such relations, the possibility of war must always be taken into account. And as long as this possibility exists, forfeiting strategic assets by Israel, the repeated victim of wars, is incomprehensible.

One of the security arrangements the government wants is the stationing of American troops in the Golan. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has already expressed American willingness to accede to such a request. And in an attempt to assuage anxieties both in the US and Israel, he has made light of the commitment by comparing it to the benign participation of American military personnel in the Multinational Forces and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai.

Advocates of withdrawal from the Golan like to compare it with Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. But two studies of the plan to station American forces in the Golan - one Israeli, by Dore Gold of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, and one American, by the Center for Security Policy in Washington (excerpted in yesterday's *European edition of the Wall Street Journal*) - show that the comparison is false and misleading.

The Sinai is a 200 km-wide desert which separates Egyptian forces from Israel's Negev desert. Changes in Egyptian deployment would be immediately discernible by a monitoring force, and Israel would have ample time to take counter measures. The Sinai provides neither topographic nor geographic advantages to an attacker. On the contrary, for troops moving from the Egyptian

center it is a natural obstacle.

The Golan is precisely the opposite. Its possession gives a huge advantage to an aggressor. To demilitarize it is meaningless; it can be traversed by tanks in a couple of hours. Strategically, it dominates all of northern Israel and, unlike the Sinai, it is close to concentrations of terrorist groups.

An American contingent stationed there would serve as a deterrent only if it is a large enough force to play a defensive, rather than a purely monitoring, role. As former US secretary of defense Les Aspin warned, it would take at least a division (one tenth of all American forces) to make such a force credible. And, unlike the American participation in the Sinai MFO, it would be the linchpin of an Israeli-Syrian security arrangement. American participation in Sinai was mostly a gesture. In the Golan it would make or break the agreement.

Gold reaches the conclusion that "the presence of a large American force on the Golan Heights would, in the final analysis, be disadvantageous for Israel's security." He does not touch on the political implications of such an arrangement, but the harm it could cause to US-Israel relations is inestimable. The very thought that American men would have to risk their lives in Israel's defense is enough to send shivers through believers in American-Israeli friendship. The arrangement would turn Israel from a respected ally to a despised protectorate.

From an American viewpoint, the case against stationing troops in the Golan is made most persuasively by the four retired generals, two retired chiefs of naval operations, and five former high Pentagon officials who composed the Center for Security Policy study.

They include General John Foss, former commanding general of the Training and Doctrine Command, whose earlier command included the Sinai MFO; General Al Gray, former commandant of the US Marine Corps; Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, former chief of naval operations; Eugene Rostow, former director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and former assistant secretary of defense Richard Perle.

Their conclusions are that the effect of deploying American troops on the Golan "could be negative for Israel's security and regional stability, while the consequences could include the loss of US lives and, possibly, a credibility-damaging retreat of the US forces under terrorist fire... such a deployment would increase the danger of direct US involvement in a future Middle East war and undermine Israel's standing with the US public as a self-reliant ally."

If pronouncements by Christopher and various Israeli officials are to be taken at face value, a deal with Syria, which includes the stationing of American troops and total Israeli withdrawal, is in the making. It is urgently recommended that both governments examine the studies on the consequences of such arrangements before their headlong rush to make a deal with Syria places both Israel and the US in an untenable, irreversible, and tragic situation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHULAMIT ALONI'S PAST

Sir, - Further to Shulamit Aloni's splendid attack on Orthodox during her honorary doctorate award from the Reform Hebrew Union College, I recall when Aloni (then Adler) came to England in the 1950s to teach Hebrew at my school, Whittingehame College, in Brighton.

Whittingehame College was then a famous all-Jewish school, with excellent secular studies. But its teaching of Judaism was nonexistent, and Mrs. Aloni, who was famed even then as a forceful advocate for a dejected secularism of the highest degree, found a comfortable niche under the headmaster and founder, Jacob Haievi.

As a result, during the 40 years of its existence, most of the school's pupils married out, and their progeny were thereby lost to the Jewish people. At a recent reunion of Old Whittingehamians, over 400 former pupils attended from all over the world, including many well-to-do financiers, politicians, and highly educated professionals from Israel, Canada, and the Americas, together with a "healthy" sprinkling of their non-Jewish wives.

This goes to show that having such anti-Torah activists as Shulamit Aloni in charge of the Ministry of Communications presages the ultimate demise of Jewishness in the State of Israel.

BEN ARYEH
Tel Aviv.

LARGE FAMILIES

Sir, - The relationship that Nery Gross sees ("Bombs and weapons," October 14) between large families and the "biblical" tenacity of "settler women" is neither valid nor consistent. As in Hebron, there are families of eight, 10 and 14 children in Har Not, Bnei Brak, Katamon, Chicago and Baltimore, and other places where there are no police truncheons, just Jews who believe in Psalm 128, that children are a blessing. King David's words preceded those of Adler and Freud and are apparently more enduring.

CHANA E. COHEN
Jerusalem.

MENTAL PARALYSIS

Sir, - When Rabin recently said in the Knesset that he had changed his mind about fundamental issues like Syria and the Golan, the Post called that an "honest admission." True, but it is also a solid reason to demand new elections or at least a referendum.

How can a people tolerate a leader elected on platform A who then switches to platform B? That Rabin has a concept of leadership which leans far more towards being the unquestioned, dictating commander than the democratic "servant of the people" is obvious. But why should

HAREDI DEMONSTRATION

Sir, - Your coverage of Saturday night's demonstration in Tel Aviv (October 23) was entirely justified. The rally of 40,000 deserved every inch, the headline, the front-page photograph. Why then did a rally of 50,000 in Jerusalem the night before receive only one and a half inches in your *News in Brief* section?

The desire for peaceful streets on the Sabbath motivated 50,000 people to demonstrate on their day of rest, without the resources of motorized transportation, megaphones or video screens. Don't we deserve to read a comment from the organizers, or a response from a city official? Can't we get some background? I appreciate the lack of a photograph, owing to the religious sensitivities of the demonstrators, but why page 2?

The developing relationships between secular and religious, modernity and tradition in a democratic Israel, are certainly as critical as Israel's relationship to its neighbors. In fact, our ultimate peace will be dependent on the stability of our own society. We can only resolve these issues with the help of a press sensitive to them.

JAMES SHMALO
Kiryat Ye'arim.

DELUSION

Sir - The term "Peace Now" is a very apt one, for it implies that whatever peace we have is only for now. We are giving up our country to gain pieces of paper which we all know have no real meaning to anyone in the Arab world. Pieces of paper are never respected. Land is.

These agreements are like promises given by abusive husbands to their battered wives. The men agree to act nice for a given period of time. But we all know that it's just a matter of time before these women are battered again.

Anyone who thinks this "peace" will last is a naive and self-delusional.

Dr. MIRIAM ADAHAN
Jerusalem.

OPINION

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The best show in town

Three peoples, not two

ABBA EBAN

It may seem churlish to indicate clouds on a promising horizon so soon after the signing of the Israel-Jordan treaty - but if not now, when?

The truth is that relations between the three leaderships - Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian - should be more harmonious and confident than they are. The peace process is too fragile to bear the weight of antagonisms in central issues.

Israelis should read King Hussein's observations on the Palestinian problem with candor and realism. The Jordanian monarch, a master of Arabic, uses it with precision. He has made it clear that he would not be signing a peace treaty with Israel this week if the PLO had not released him from responsibility for the Palestinian cause by signing the Declaration of Principles.

Since Arafat's initiative paradoxically sent Israel's international status rocketing upward into universal acceptance, our leaders should avoid the impression that they regard the Palestinian sector of the negotiation with aversion or distaste. There is no Israeli interest in aggravating Jordanian-Palestinian tensions.

King Hussein's reiteration of the doctrine that the PLO is "the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people" resounded in a parliamentary chamber which contained almost as many Palestinians as Jordanians. Whether we like it or not, Israeli statesmanship stands in the center of a triangular relationship. Whatever structure emerges in the future, there are always going to be three, not two, parties in this complex equation.

ALL THREE of them could do with a deeper understanding of the Jordanian treaty and curse the Palestinian accord are living in a dream

The notion of separation expressed by Prime Minister Rabin is a rational pragmatic response to the tragic events provoked by the Hamas atrocities. But it is far from being a long-term answer. On the contrary, the future of this region lies in the development of integrative procedures, based on community obligations with an intense commerce of ideas and projects flowing across a limited space.

The Casablanca conference will give Israeli leaders the chance of reinstating the idea of regional cooperation in our value system. There is no bright future for any of the three peoples if they live as hermetically sealed ghettos. This thought illustrates the urgency of more Palestinian effort to prevent further Hamas outrages.

Our region may have outlived its quota of spectacular summits, but one that President Clinton might well mediate would be between Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian leaders, all of whom acknowledge the American role in bringing the peace process to its present phase.

It is unfortunate that the Israeli opposition began this historic week with yet another proposal of no-confidence. When 32 Israelis were killed on the coastal road some years ago, the Labor party did not propose censuring the Likud government. It kept its condemnation for the enemies of peace, and proposed national solidarity for Israel.

Solidarity was a conspicuous element in the philosophy of the nation's founders. We knew that Israel could not live permanently outside the international order, which mocks the pretensions of unilateral power. We were inspired by our past without being enslaved by it. We remembered that our land was twice ravaged and its people dispersed because we sometimes gave reign to suicidal heroism which did not give survival its rightful place in the nation's priorities.

In the late 1940s, we took this experience to heart and set our nation on a road in which the opportunities outweighed the dangers. We are back on that road again.

The writer is a former foreign minister.

Timely trip

ALON BEN-MEIR

PRESIDENT Clinton's decision to come to the Middle East was courageous, wise and timely. Although the visit was occasioned by the signing of the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty, it will have far-reaching implications on the Middle East's new emerging order. The cynicism that surrounds the president's motivation notwithstanding, the president has seized a historic opportunity to further Arab-Israeli peace, which is vital to American strategic interests.

At the signing ceremony on the southern border between Israel and Jordan, the president sent a clear message to those who reject the peace that the weight of America is behind it. Nothing could leave a greater impression on friends and foes in the region than the firm words of the US president pledging to support those who make peace their strategic choice.

Clinton's coming to the Middle East is a loud, clear message to states in the region

In Amman, President Clinton served notice to Jordan's Moslem Brotherhood, who reject the peace, that their future is tied to their king's fortunes and their economic prosperity and security to peace with Israel. The appearance of the president of the US in the Jordanian parliament sent an unmistakable signal that America stands behind King Hussein and his democratic political reform efforts.

In Jerusalem, the president's sympathetic words will go a long way toward healing the wounds of a nation that has just buried 22 innocent men, women and children, victims of Hamas's latest heinous act of terror.

The Israelis will soon be asked to make major territorial concessions to Syria on the Golan, which many feel could further compromise their security. In their agonizing battle for peace and security, the Israelis will now, more than any time before, look to America for guarantees. America's unshakable moral commitment to Israel, delivered from the Knesset chamber, would reassure skeptical Israelis that their ultimate security lies in real peace, and not with territory.

IN DAMASCUS, the president will undoubtedly judge Hafez Assad's move toward accepting Israel's needs for time and phased withdrawal to achieve an agreement on the Golan. Symbolized by the president's visit himself, the US acknowledges Syria's indispensable role in achieving a comprehensive peace. Moreover, the recognition of Assad as a power player will further enhance his stature in the eyes of his own countrymen, which will allow him to show more flexibility.

The visit will greatly mitigate the fact that Syria is still listed as a state that sponsors terrorism, paving the way for the removal of that stigma. Assad made that a condition for being more forthcoming in negotiating with Israel and for his cooperation in combating terrorism outside his borders.

In Riyadh, the Clinton visit will underscore America's deep and permanent commitment to the security of the desert kingdom, guardian of Islam's holiest religious shrines. The message will not go unnoticed in either Iran or Iraq. Public support by Saudi Arabia of the Israeli-Jordanian peace, which President Clinton will clearly elicit, is particularly important. It will help dispel the growing notion among Islamists that Islam and an independent Jewish state are an oxymoron.

In Cairo, the president will meet with an important American ally who is plagued with an Islamic fundamentalist problem of his own and needs all the help he can get. President Mubarak, as the power broker between Israel and other Arab entities, has rendered invaluable service to the peace efforts, especially with the Palestinians. The president's visit could further strengthen Mubarak.

Weakened by mounting economic problems and rising tensions with Hamas, Chairman Yasser Arafat could greatly strengthen his position after having met with President Clinton in Cairo. Arafat will be expected to do a lot more to curb Hamas, especially if he returns to Gaza fortified with US financial aid.

In Kuwait City, the president will certainly reaffirm America's resolve to protect its allies. The presence of thousands of American troops dispatched to Kuwait has not only ended Saddam Hussein's intimidation of that country, but served notice that America acts swiftly when its vital interests are threatened. Visiting Kuwait also makes a clear statement about the US dual containment policy, which actively seeks to contain Iraq and Iran, preventing both from again becoming major regional powers capable of threatening their neighbors.

Cynics who accuse the president of using his Middle East trip to improve his sagging political ratings are missing the point. Could Clinton have declined the invitation and missed a historic opportunity to push the peace process forward and assert America's position and strategic interest? No, as a statesman, he could not.

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The suicide syndrome

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

PRESIDENT Clinton is scheduled to land in Damascus this morning. His plane will probably taxi down one of the same runways as cargo aircraft from Teheran. Aboard these military transports will be anti-tank missiles, long-range rockets, ammunition, explosives and other sabotage material.

Within hours, they will be heading by road to Beirut or Iranian-run terror bases in Lebanon's Bekaa valley. On orders from Teheran, the weapons will be delivered to the Hizbullah in southern Lebanon for use in attacks against Israeli forces, or fired into Galilee.

After consultations with Hamas headquarters in Amman, other military supplies will be sent into Gaza, either via the Egyptian border, or under it in tunnels formerly used for smuggling stolen cars and other contraband. From Gaza, the weapons will be distributed to Hamas and PLO terror groups in Judea and Samaria.

A bold attempt to send these weapons into Israel directly from Jordan was recently foiled at the Allenby Bridge, when the Israelis arrested a woman carrying an automatic weapon and ammunition under her dress.

Just how important Amman is in the terrorist hierarchy is shown by the fact that Muhammad Nazzal, a leader of Hamas military headquarters in Amman, springs from the same tribe as Salah Abdel Rahim Nazal Souwi of Kalkilya, who carried out his suicide mission on bus No. 5 in Tel Aviv last week.

In his rush to seal the peace accord with Jordan, it seems Yitzhak Rabin forgot to ask King Hussein to close down Hamas military headquarters in Amman. Over 12 different Palestinian terrorist organizations known to US and Israeli security flourish in Damascus. American intelligence agencies are well aware of the close coordination between Hamas chiefs in Amman and Damascus, with the nerve center of the terrorist octopus being under the control of the mullahs in Iran. This link is why Washington has refused to remove Syria from the list of states which support terrorism.

And French military personnel there in 1983-4.

Today, Moslem imams continue to use religion in indoctrinating chosen candidates and getting them to give up their lives to slay infidels. Potential victims, Jews and Christians, are all labeled "satanic."

As a reward for their supreme sacrifice, the suicide bombers are promised a reserved place in paradise for all eternity. Benefits, including an endless, abundant gratification of all physical needs, are spelled out in graphic detail.

Since it is virtually impossible to prevent a determined individual bent on blowing himself up with his victims from succeeding, the only sure way to eradicate the disease is to strike at its roots. Arresting Hamas activists in Judea or Samaria or asking PLO chief Yasser Arafat to "curb" them in Gaza is as futile as offering aspirin to a man riddled with cancer.

A recent visit to Jordan revealed the power of the fundamentalist movement there. Our Israeli guide warned us not to speak loudly in Hebrew when out walking, or better still, not to use Hebrew at all. If asked, we should say we came from America, Britain or Canada.

This caution proved justified, when 24-year-old US-born Dave Friedman told a fellow traveler on a bus that he was Israeli. Stabbing Friedman in the back and wounding him slightly, his attacker declared: "I don't want Israeli tourists in Jordan."

In a bid to prevent even worse incidents, the Jordanians are limiting the number of Israelis who can enter the country each day.

In Jordan, there is clearly a deep rift between the Beduin - now in the minority - and the Palestinians.

"We fear Arafat's motives," a Jordanian Beduin told us. "If you leave us give him the West Bank - why, I don't know - he will foment trouble in Jordan."

"Palestinians here are not loyal to Jordan. They support the PLO or Hamas. We know that the two groups work hand in hand on both sides of the Jordan."

"King Hussein may have to throw them out, as he did more than 25 years ago in the days of Black September. It was black for them, but a joy for us."

The writers are authors of The Moslems: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

Bred in Iran, a virus is sent out via Syria and injected into men and women in selected terrorist cells

This conclusion was corroborated by Israeli technicians, who also determined that in the Afula car-bomb attack earlier this year and the bus bomb in Hadera, the same technique was used as in the devastating bus blast which killed 22 in Tel Aviv last week: suicide bombers.

There are clear signs that the orders for all these attacks came via the terror network in Syria. So did orders to blow up the Pan Am jet over Lockerbie in Scotland, an act masterminded in Damascus by terrorist chieftain Ahmed Jibril, who, to this day, is a guest of the Syrians. Libyan agents played only a supporting role in that bombing.

The report describes what a veteran intelligence source termed "a kind of suicide syndrome virus injected into the minds of men and women members of elite terrorist cells."

The concept of using human sacrifices in modern times for military and political purposes was the brainchild of Ayatollah Khomeini, who sent hundreds, perhaps thousands, of children with a Koran in one hand to walk over minefields during his war with Saddam Hussein's Iraq. His tanks and infantry then drove through the safe paths littered with the shattered bodies of young boys and girls.

Drugged or blackmailed individuals blew themselves up in Lebanon, killing and wounding over 400 US

Loving too much is keeping me from living fully

DEAR RUTHIE

RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
Since my boy-
friend and I separ-
ated a couple of
months ago, I feel I
can't go on living. My life has no
meaning without him. My problem
is that I love him too much.

Sadly, his love for me easily faded
away. I don't know how to solve
this problem. I want him to feel for
me again. What am I going to do?
Desperate Dreamer
Tel Aviv

Dear DD,

You need to focus on how to
forget your boyfriend - not on
how to make him love you again.
The inability to let someone go
usually indicates that he has been
catering to a need deeper than
love. Your boyfriend evoked some
response within you which is
now blocked.

It is the lack of the response
which is making life seem unim-
portant, not the absence of the
boyfriend. Find other stimuli that
trigger this response. Another
man is one possibility. Work or
friendships, hobbies or entertain-
ment are others.

Meanwhile, let the passage of
time help you with your
withdrawal.

Dear Ruthie,

I forgot to call my mother-in-law
on her birthday this year. So did
my husband. When I remembered,
I phoned very apologetically to offer
a belated wish. You see, mil-
lions are very important to my in-
laws.

Then, after swearing to myself
never to let that happen again, I
forgot my father-in-law's birthday!
Again I apologized, but I'm up the
proverbial creek anyway. I have all
relevant dates listed in my diary,
but I don't always look in my di-
ary. What can I do to remember?
In Need of a Proverbial Paddle
Jerusalem

Dear Up the Creek,
Forget the paddle. Go for a

"permanent" calendar - the kind
made especially for listing birth-
days, anniversaries, etc. Hang it
on the wall near either the fridge
or the toilet - two places certain to
be frequented more than once a
day.

Dear Ruthie,

My boss came into the office one
morning and told me that he had a
very urgent job for me, a document
that must be typed by noon. I was
swamped with work and noon
came and went, and I didn't ask
about his document. When he left
at the end of the day, he still hadn't
given me the document. I assumed
he had not finished preparing it.

That night, I received an angry
call from my boss, demanding that
I return to the office, where he
would be waiting with the docu-
ment. It was my responsibility, he
said, to remind him during the day.

I won't tell you what I ended up
doing, but I would like to know,
for future reference, which of us
was in the wrong?

Bugged by the Boss
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Boss-Bugged,

You are uncertain about your
"innocence" because you were se-
cretly relieved about not being
handed the document while
swamped with other work. But it
was the responsibility of your boss
to give you the material he need-
ed typed.

Which leads me to the conclu-
sion that your boss had in fact not
finished preparing this document
by the end of the day, and needed
to have the upper hand morally in
order to get you to come in after
hours. Ponder that for future
reference.

Letters should be addressed to:
"Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jeru-
salem. (Ruthie regrets not be-
ing able to guarantee publication of
every letter, but will answer every
letter received.)

Capital pickpocket alert for 'Peace Tourism' year

TRAVEL TIPS

HAIM SHAPIRO

HOLD on to your wallet or
purse when you visit Jeru-
salem, the Israel Tour
Guides Association warns.

The organization has com-
plained to Tourism Minister Uzi
Baram that his attempt to pro-
mote the coming year as the
"Peace Tourism Year" is doomed
to failure unless something can be
done about pickpockets in the
capital.

The association says the thieves
are especially active in eastern Jeru-
salem, at such sites as the
Mount of Olives, Mount Scopus,
Gethsemane and the Via
Dolorosa.

THE KFAR Blum Guest House is
offering fall discounts, with a
room and breakfast now going for
NIS 120 per person. A hot meal is
another NIS 33.

A SERIES of Hanukkah tours,
with special prices for children 12
and under, is being offered by Ri-
mon Tours. An 11-day package to
the US, including New York and
Orlando, with visits to Walt Dis-
ney World, is selling for \$1,748 for
adults and \$964 for children.

An 11-day package to Thailand,
including the Golden Triangle and
Pattaya, is \$1,559 for adults and
\$855 for children. A nine-day visit
to Paris and London is \$1,043 for
adults and \$706 for children.

For \$764 for adults and \$399 for
children, families may spend seven
days in London, with visits to
Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum.

NATOUR HAS two 11-day Han-
ukkah tours, one to Turkey for

\$655 and the other to Prague and
Budapest for \$805. Also available
for Hanukkah are its regular winter
tours, including a 17-day Hanukkah
tour to Morocco, selling for
\$1,588, a 15-day tour to Spain and
Portugal for \$1,367, and an 11-day
tour to China for \$1,499.

The same company is also offer-
ing a seven-night Christmas pack-
age to New York for \$849, with
accommodation in the Dorset or
the Helmsley Windsor hotels.

Departures are on El Al's
morning flights, from December
20 through 27, and the return
flight must be within 21 days on
any of El Al's flights.

KLM is offering a \$399 round-trip
fare to Amsterdam, with no extra
charge to continue on to Paris or
London. The Dutch airline's
flights arrive in Europe early in
the morning and leave for Israel in
the evening.

AMERICAN AIRLINES is offer-
ing a \$390 midweek round-trip
fare from London to New York.
The fare is valid until the end of
the year.

THE NEW YORK Vista Hotel, se-
verely damaged in the World
Trade Center bombing, is back in
business.

To mark the reopening, the ho-
tel is offering an introductory rate
of \$170 a night per room, plus 14.5
percent tax and a \$2 a night occu-
pancy supplement.

The rate is valid until February
28, after which the usual rate of
\$265 per night, plus tax, will
apply.



St. Thomas island boasts a 161-year-old synagogue, which expects to attract Jewish visitors when it celebrates the bicentennial of its founding next year. (Bullman)

Sun, fun and Jewish geography

TRAVEL

TIRZAH ARGASSI

THE name Virgin Islands doesn't
have an especially Jewish ring to it -
to say nothing of the US-adminis-
tered islands of St. John and St. Thomas.
Nonetheless, these islands, located some
1,760 kilometers southeast of Miami, are
likely to be a prime attraction for Jewish
travelers next year, as the congregation of
the St. Thomas synagogue celebrates the
bicentennial of its founding.

If my own recent visit is any indication,
the event will provide a fine framework for
vacationers eager to combine sun'n'fun
with tribal mingling, while getting a spiritu-
al zap from the exquisite 161-year-old St.
Thomas synagogue.

The 10-month bash, which runs from Au-
gust '95 through June '96, includes events
that range from an interfaith Succot service
in October to a performance by violinist
Itzhak Perlman in February.

One of my favorite memories of the trip,
in which I was the guest of the board of
tourism, is of a morning spent on a palm-
fringed, powdery white beach. It was all
blue sky and dazzling turquoise sea, that
more than lived up to travel poster
promises.

St. John, just 7 1/2 kilometers by ferry
from the more developed St. Thomas, is a
model of eco-tourism. Two-thirds of the 37
square kilometer island is a national park,
and much effort is made to maintain its
forests and bays as they were when discov-
ered by Columbus in 1493.

Camping is big on St. John. Maho Bay
and Harmony, eco-resorts which actually
upgrade the environment, are creating a
buzz in the tourist trade. Their New York-
based owner, Stanley Selengut, says his
dedication to the venture can be traced to
his do-right Jewish upbringing. He even
wants to start a similar resort in Israel.

Of the many recycling and solar-powered

innovations that he pointed out, the most
impressive was a sturdy building beam
made of "Timbrex" which consists of plastic
bags bonded with sawdust. It seems the
perfect use for all those discarded bags
blowing in the winds of the Holy Land. The
resort is also cheap, with double occupancy
in one of its tent-cottages, a sort of
screened-in porch with kitchen facilities,
for only \$60 per night, outside the Decem-
ber 15-April 30 high season.

Nonetheless, I was glad to be staying at
the island's gorgeous, if less politically and
ecologically correct, Hyatt Regency Resort
(double rooms for \$175 and up). The re-
sorts will offer kosher facilities during the
bicentennial. On St. Thomas, the Sapphire
Beach (where children 12 and under stay,
eat and get day care free) has suites with full
kitchen facilities, starting at \$175.

Both St. John and St. Thomas are duty-
free havens. The main sport of most
tourists who pour off the cruise ships that
stop at St. Thomas is shopping in downtown
Charlotte Amalie. Liquor (especially rum)
and jewelry are the best buys.

St. Thomas also boasts a branch of the
Eilat-based Coral World. General manager
Eitan Levy, a South African-born Israeli,
agrees that the underwater life in the Virgin
Islands is less spectacular than that of the
Red Sea, but the impressive marine park
presents exotic creatures in a magnificent
setting.

Meanwhile, Jewish grandmother Rhoda
Tillet sees to the island's needs for high
culture by organizing chamber music con-
certs, with an international list of artists, in
the Tillet Gardens arts and crafts center.

On a more down-to-earth level, almost
every drop of water on the islands is sup-
plied by an Israel Chemicals desalination
plant. It's a profitable venture, with water
costing 1 cent a gallon or "5 cents a flush."

Aside from trips up to lookouts such as
Paradise Point, overlooking the busy har-
bor and islands in the distance, the most
pleasant sight I saw with my energetic
guide, Gloria Gumbs, was Seven Arches
Museum, a lovingly restored 19th-century
house. However, the Pissarro Building, in
which Jewish Impressionist painter Camille
Pissarro was born, was disappointing.
Hopefully the bicentennial's exhibit of his
St. Thomas art, which opens in November
1995, will present an opportunity to make
this lovely stone house the museum it could
be.

My sightseeing was enhanced by some
vivid interfaith dialogue with guide Gumbs,
a devout African-American Christian from
Georgia. The greatest shocker on our itine-
rary was a poster in the Fort Christian
Museum. Translated from Danish (the pre-
sent US Virgin Islands were ruled by Den-
mark from 1666 until their sale to the US in
1917), the 1820 poster announces a slave
auction of: "Tobias, about 28, a good ser-
vant: Absalom, about 25, strong and
healthy; and Eliza, a young woman used to
housework and the nursery." In 1848, the
local Governor von Scholten finally freed
the territory's 27,000 slaves. His action
came in the face of a slave revolt led by
General Buddhoe, a former slave the
governor himself earlier freed.

Until then, St. Thomas was a "breaking
ground for the slave trade," said Aubrey

(Alohin) Harley, a black congregation
member I met at the synagogue on Simhat
Torah.

"You might say they were house-broken
here," he said, estimating that some five
million slaves passed through on their way
to such destinations as New Orleans. And
yes, said 35-year-old Rabbi Bradd Box-
man, there were Jewish slave owners.

No trip would be complete without Jew-
ish geography. Shortly after I sat down in
the shul - there's no way to do this architec-
tural gem justice in words - Rabbi Boxman
introduced me to an Israeli named Pina
Ginsburg. "Are you the daughter of...?"
she asked me. "Do you know...?" and we
were off.

Both of us are secular Israelis, yet we
teared up during the Reform service as we
circled the room carrying Torah scrolls
(three of which are over 200 years old.) I'll
never forget waving flags together with the
enthusiastic youngsters of Rabbi Boxman's
Hebrew class.

"Don't tell anybody back home you saw
me here," joked a ponytailed Israeli em-
ployee of the desalination plant as he hoisted
up one of the heavier scrolls.

Discovering Judaism on a vacation in the
Virgin Islands, who would have imagined
it?

Yet it was impossible to resist this sancti-
fied spot with its white, sand floor com-
memorating the days when Sephardi Jews,
hiding from the Inquisition, used sand to
muffle the sounds of their prayers; a custom
based in turn on memories of the Exodus
through Sinai, and of God's promise to
Abraham that his descendants would be "as
numerous as the grains of sand."

Information about package tours is avail-
able from the Bicentennial Hotline at 1-800-
628-3943, 314-523-5515 or from the St.
Thomas Synagogue at 809-774-4312.

Tales of desperate lives in postcard settings

BOOKS

TIM WARREN

A STRANGER IN THIS WORLD,
by Kevin Canty. Doubleday. \$20.
180 pp.

KEVIN Canty is the latest
young short-story writer
from the American West
bearing obvious influences from
Raymond Carver, particularly in
his lean, spare, prose style.

The protagonists are usually
blue-collar men and women, and
they're usually at a loss with the
world. Many abuse drugs and al-
cohol. Few know what a good re-
lationship is (they don't normally
use words like "relationship,"
anyway).

These stories are mostly set in
the US Northwest - Idaho, Mon-
tana, Washington state or Wyom-
ing. But when these writers de-
pict the landscape, it's usually in
stark tones. They know that lives
of loneliness and desperation usu-
ally are played out amid the post-
card settings.

This collection by Canty, a
Montanan, is a strong one. He is
especially good at drawing his
characters, be they men or wom-
en, young or old. He establishes
with uncanny skill a disquieting
undertone of foreboding and dan-
ger, tinged by grotesqueness.

One particularly memorable
story is "Pretty Judy," in which
Paul, a high-school senior, be-
comes sexually involved with a re-
tarded girl in his neighborhood.
Other boys had whispered that she
was available, easily manipulated.
Paul is repelled, then fascinated
when she not only lets him touch
her, but enjoys it and asks him to
have sex with her again. Then he
becomes infatuated with her, and
that's when the story is played out
to its grim conclusion.

I also liked "King of the Ele-
phants," about another high-
school youth. Raymond, who is
living in Florida with his father, a
drunk. They get a call that his
mother, who is estranged from his
father, was found sleeping in the
Washington subway. She had
been institutionalized before.

Canty writes: "You see how it
worked. We passed her around
like the black queen in a game of
hearts, the cops to the hospital,
the hospital to my father, my fa-
ther to me. I was the one who
could not pass her on. I laid out
the situation, but the hard parts of
the story could not be avoided: the
subway, the two-days-broken
arm. They're holding her in St.
Elizabeth's now." I told him, "but
she can leave anytime she wants."

There's nothing they can charge
her with."

Raymond and his father drive
up to Washington to rescue her.
At 17, Raymond has rescued both
his parents many times, and he is
tired of it. He dreams of the open
road, of leaving his father on In-
terstate 95 and hitching a ride. He
has become hardened, and his fa-
ther notices. He says, "I wish I
knew who you loved, Raymond."

Raymond says nothing. But he
thinks, "I was just going to walk
away. I was just going to let his life
be his own. The next month, Sep-
tember, I would turn 18, which
was old enough for anything."

A few stories seem forced, par-
ticularly "Moonbeams and Aspi-
rins," in which a couple trying to
save a failing marriage hook up

with a blind man in a bar. They
end up teaching him how to drive,
something he had always wanted
to do. Since one of Carver's most
memorable stories is also about an
emotionally lost man who learns
from a blind man ("Cathedral"),
this is tricky territory. I found the
similarity unsettling, and the sto-
ry's ending was contrived.

Canty's endings - usually
abrupt, often hinting of trouble
just ahead - give him the most
trouble. A good story writer wants
to leave the reader slightly unset-
tled, but his endings tend to leave
too many questions unanswered.

On the whole, though, *A
Stranger in This World* is quite
satisfying. Canty's writing is fluid
but seldom facile, and a dark,
chilling tone suffuses most of his
stories. I also liked his compassion
for his characters, flawed and ach-
ing though they may be. This book
merits reading, and praise.

(The Baltimore Sun)

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Hijacker of Russian jet frees 2 crew members

News agencies
MAKHACHKALA, Russia

Two crew members were freed on a hijacked plane in southern Russia late yesterday, leaving only the captain and the hijacker on board, said the commercial radio station Ekho Moskvy.

Russian authorities earlier gave an Azeri hijacker \$2.5 million to secure the release of 26 hostages held on a plane in the wild mountains of southern Russia, security officials said.

The captain remained a hostage yesterday after the plane's 23 passengers were released.

The hijacking began Tuesday night, just after the Russian jet left Makhachkala in southern Russia for Rostov. Two hijackers armed with a grenade and a knife ordered the pilot to return to Makhachkala, where they demanded the \$2 million, said Vladimir Tomarovsky, a spokesman for the Federal Counterintelligence Service.

The hijackers, who claimed to have suitcases packed with explosives, threatened to blow up the plane unless they were allowed to fly to Iran.

It was the latest in a string of hijackings in southern Russia, a hotbed of crime and unrest since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The hijackers gradually released the passengers and crew members as negotiations with authorities continued throughout the day, Tomarovsky said.

One of the hijackers also left the aircraft and surrendered, Tomarovsky said.

Authorities initially identified the hijackers as ethnic Azerbaijanis, 30-year-old Asif Kuliev, who later left the plane, and 22-year-old Elton Makhich-Zade.

Special police and anti-terrorist units stood by as negotiations continued into the night.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said the Yak-40 jet had been re-

eled and was parked at the end of a runway at the airport in Makhachkala, about 1,500 km south-east of Moscow.

Daghestani interior ministry officials quoted by Interfax said the hijacker was not behaving aggressively. Released prisoners said he was not carrying a weapon, but was holding a parcel which he said contained explosives.

RIA news agency said relatives of the hijackers had flown to Makhachkala, a bleak town of crumbling Soviet-era concrete towers on the Caspian seashore, to try and influence the attackers.

A counter-intelligence (FSK) official said commandos outside the plane, trained to combat hijackers, had been ordered to prepare for operation Nabat (Alarm Bell), which includes storming the plane.

The Yak-40 is a short-range passenger plane and it cannot fly to Iran without refueling. Interfax said Azerbaijan is the only place where this could take place - refueling permission.

ITAR-Tass said "an anti-terrorist group is ready to storm the plane."

The Foreign Ministry asked neighboring states whether they would allow the plane to land, and ITAR-Tass said Iranian authorities agreed to receive the plane.

A spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry told the Islamic Republic News Agency that Iran would spare no effort to settle the incident.

Azerbaijan refused to grant permission to land, and Georgia agreed to accept the plane, Tomarovsky said.

Makhachkala is capital of the autonomous republic of Dagestan and is located on the shore of the Caspian Sea. Rostov is about 750 km northwest of Makhachkala.



French UN soldiers monitor Bosnian Army positions in the demilitarized zone south of Sarajevo.

Bosnian Serbs attack UN peacekeepers

DAVID CRARY
SARAJEVO

BOSNIAN Serbs attacked UN peacekeepers in northern Bosnia yesterday in a rare tank battle, a UN spokesman said.

Danish peacekeepers manning a Leopard tank returned fire immediately after being shot at by a T55 tank near the northern town of Gradacac, said UN spokesman Lt. Col. Tim Spicer.

Two other Leopards came in support, engaging in a "fairly intensive firefight" against the Serb tank and a recoilless rifle which was also deployed against the peacekeepers, Spicer said.

The recoilless rifle was "neutralized" and the tank withdrew, Spicer said. He could not say whether the Serbs suffered any casualties. No peacekeepers were hurt, he said.

The UN force in Bosnia can call for retaliatory NATO air strikes if peacekeepers are flagrantly attacked. But Spicer said that in this case, UN commanders felt the immediate return fire by the Danish tanks was the best response.

Tensions have been high in the area, as government troops have launched more than a dozen offensives recently across northern and central Bosnia. UN military officers say the strategy is to stretch the better-armed Serbs thin at a time when their fuel supplies are believed to be running low because of a cutoff of aid from their former patrons in Serbia.

UN and Bosnian government army officials confirmed yesterday that the government had scored a morale-boosting victory in one offensive, capturing a strategic Serb military base in northwestern Bosnia.

Peacekeeper spokesmen said government forces took a Serb barracks in Grabez, about eight km east of the government-held city of Bihac.

Officials of the Moslem-led government army said yesterday their forces were continuing to advance and had captured several Serb-held villages, increasing their recent gains to about 100 sq. km.

An officer answering the telephone at Bosnian Serb military headquarters denied any losses at Grabez. But other Bosnian Serb military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 5,000 Serbs living in the area had fled the offensive.

Paul Risley, a spokesman at UN mission headquarters in Zagreb, Croatia, termed the government gains significant, but said some Serb soldiers remained on the Grabez plateau.

The government said the Serbs used a military complex on high terrain at Grabez to fire mortars and artillery at Bihac. A UN spokes-

man reached in Bihac, Maj. Mohammed Bashir, said Serbs fired mortar shells at the railway station Tuesday, injuring some civilians.

In Sarajevo, authorities shut down the besieged city's tramway after machine-gun fire injured nine passengers. Police said the fire came from a Bosnian Serb position late Tuesday, but UN peacekeepers could not confirm the source.

The gunfire on the Sarajevo tramway was the first on the exposed line since Oct. 8, when one passenger was killed and 11 wounded. The tramway resumed operation in March after a two-year halt because of shelling, but it has been shut down frequently by sniping in recent months.

Police said Tuesday's gunfire came from a Serb-held part of Sarajevo. Peacekeepers said the police hindered UN efforts to investigate, however, and they implied that the shots could have come from a government-held building.

After the Oct. 8 attack, peacekeepers briefly provided armored vehicles to escort some tram cars. There was no immediate decision to resume service.

On Mount Igman, overlooking Sarajevo, peacekeepers continued efforts to remove several hundred Bosnian government troops from a demilitarized zone. The first phase of the withdrawal, on Monday, was marred by a 45-minute shootout between government soldiers and French peacekeepers. (AP)

Kennedy trades jabs with Republican challenger

BOSTON (AP) - In their first debate, Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and Republican challenger Mitt Romney traded vicious jabs over health care, crime and personal finances.

The near-unanimous conclusion was that neither scored a clear victory. That puts pressure on Romney to deliver a knockout blow in their final debate today if he hopes to close the lead that Kennedy - who is in the toughest race of his 32-year career - has opened in recent polls.

Romney attacked Kennedy as an advocate of an outdated liberal philosophy responsible for explosions in violent crime, out-of-wedlock births and illegal immigration. Kennedy maintained that those problems had worsened under 12 years of Republican presidents.

The senator was piqued when Romney suggested he had gotten a sweetheart deal in a Washington real estate investment.

"Mr. Romney, the Kennedys are not in public service to make money. We have paid too high a price," he said sternly, turning to face his challenger.

Romney got mildly flustered a few times when Kennedy pressed him to detail how he would reach his stated goal of universal health care, or what he specifically would cut to balance the federal budget.

Kennedy appeared shaky once after he criticized Romney for not providing health coverage to part-time workers at companies in which he has a stake. Romney retorted that Kennedy did just the same - to workers at the Chicago Merchandise Mart, which is owned by a Kennedy family trust.

Kennedy was at a loss for a moment, then said the part-timers at least had access to insurance through the company. Although they had to pay for it. After the debate, however, Kennedy staffers said the seven part-time workers all were working second jobs and had coverage through their primary employers.

After the race had been deadlocked for weeks, a poll last week showed Kennedy leading Romney 50 percent to 32 percent. The survey of 447 likely voters had a margin of error of 4.6 percentage points.

Kennedy, the fourth most senior member of the Senate, was first elected to fill his brother John's Senate seat in 1962. Romney, a 47-year-old venture capitalist and son of former Michigan Gov. George Romney, has never held elective office.

When asked by a panel of three journalists why the race is so close given Romney's inexperience, Kennedy, 62, said the public is anxious about the economy.

"With that anxiety there is a willingness to listen to simple easy answers and they're wrong," he said. "And that is the kind of answers my opponent is offering."

Experts said Kennedy's ability to avoid major stumbles might have scored him political points.

'The most innocent of the innocent' memorial

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WITH her bright blue eyes, blond curls and rosy complexion, seven-year-old Any-Yolande Horowitz hardly looked like a potential threat to her native France.

But according to her identity papers issued in 1940 by the collaborationist Vichy regime, the second-grader born in Strasbourg was a "Jew, Foreigner, Under Surveillance."

Two years later, Any-Yolande, her mother and little sister were rounded up by French police, interned in a transit camp and deported to Auschwitz where they were gassed upon arrival.

Any-Yolande however is not forgotten. Her sweet, scared face graces the cover of a 1,000-page memorial album containing photographs of 1,500 of the 11,000 infants, elementary school-age children and teen-agers shipped to Nazi concentration camps. Some

70,000 Jews were deported from France between 1942-44. Only about 2,500 survived.

Published this week by the Sons and Daughters of Jews Deported from France, the album is the work of French Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld, who, at age eight, narrowly escaped arrest by hiding in a false-bottomed wardrobe with his mother and sister.

"These children are the most innocent of the innocent," Klarsfeld said in an interview. "They symbolize the ultimate crime against humanity. Not only were they exterminated, but all traces of their existence were also destined to be destroyed."

Retreating German soldiers did manage to destroy most administrative documents concerning con-

centration camp victims, and Vichy officials secretly hid or obliterated police files.

The cover-up goes on today. Klarsfeld said French archivists for months were unwilling to give him Any-Yolande's identity card.

The Memorial of Jewish Children Deported from France, costing 500 francs (\$94) is the first of its kind.

Unlike Poland, where entire villages were exterminated, three-fourths of the French Jewish population survived, thanks to protection from the general population and the Roman Catholic clergy.

Klarsfeld advertised in Jewish publications in Europe, Israel and the United States, and photos

trickled in from surviving relatives.

The album also lists the names, date and place of birth, address at the time of arrest and the date and number of the deportation convey for each of the 11,000 victims.

"The Memorial replaces the tombstones under which they were never laid to rest," wrote the daily Liberation.

Half of the children were arrested in July 1942, during one of the most ambitious sweeps by French police. The Germans, however, did not want the children, and didn't know what to do with them.

While their parents were shipped immediately to the gas chambers, the children were left behind in transit camps - alone, filthy, starved and sick. Berlin did not agree to their deportation until weeks later, and then only because French national police chief Rene Bousquet insisted. (AP)

Cap-Haitien: Haiti's test tube city of justice

CAP-HAITIEN (AP) - Whether they're tracking down a stolen pig or chasing a thug from the former regime, Haitians in need of a policeman face confusion.

In some places, magistrates, police officers and army soldiers have fled, in others they are ignored, and in some they still hold sway.

Then there are the US military forces who arrived in the hemisphere's poorest nation last month. Army policy, however, prevents arresting and detaining anyone who doesn't pose a threat to US forces or has not been seen committing a capital crime.

Usually, no matter whom they call, the Haitians get sent elsewhere.

"We're living a bit in fear, and

there's nothing we can do for now except to protect ourselves," said Rosanne Dugue, a former mayor of Cap-Haitien, Haiti's second-largest city.

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's success will be measured in part on the justice system that replaces the torturers and killers who enforced government authority before - the army, police and paramilitary attaches.

Cap-Haitien is being used as a test tube by Aristide and his US government backers for putting together a professional justice system, from cops to courts, in place as rapidly as possible.

The streets are being patrolled by a 50-man interim police force. It's composed of former soldiers, police officers and trainees.

Austria arrests ex-Syrian diplomat linked to Carlos

VIENNA (Reuters) - Austrian anti-terrorist police arrested a former Syrian ambassador to East Berlin on suspicion of helping to supply explosives to terrorist mastermind "Carlos the Jackal," officials said yesterday.

Faisal Summak, Syria's top diplomat in East Berlin from 1981 to 1989, was detained yesterday night while staying in a hotel in central Vienna. The interior ministry said.

It said Summak was alleged to have ordered his third secretary to give 25 kg of plastic explosives to Carlos and an accomplice to carry out a bombing in Berlin in 1983.

Summak, now believed to be

the head of Syria's state tobacco industry, was the subject of an international arrest warrant.

The ministry gave no further details but the Austrian news agency APA said German authorities had already told Vienna that they wanted Summak extradited.

German prosecutors believe Carlos and his associate, Johannes Weirich, bombed Berlin's Maison de France cultural center in which one person was killed and 22 were injured.

Carlos, a Venezuelan whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, was seized in Sudan in August and spirited to France.

Austrian documentary pays tribute to Simon Wiesenthal

ALISON SMALE
VIENNA

FOR decades, official Austria ignored and even insulted Simon Wiesenthal, who for almost 50 years has lived and worked in the native land of his nemesis, Adolf Hitler.

Slowly, change is coming. Austria is catching up with other nations that have showered awards and doctorates on the man who has made a personal crusade of tracking neo-Nazi war criminals, publicizing Naziism and racism and remembering the Jewish experience as a lesson for humanity.

Last year, Wiesenthal was awarded Austria's highest service medal by President Thomas Klestil. Yesterday, on Austria's national day, state-run television will run a documentary about Wiesenthal's life, *The Art of Remembrance*.

But the difficulties encountered in making the \$300,000 film - and the decision to schedule it in a late-night slot - show how hard it is still for Austria to confront a Nazi past it buried for decades.

Dealing with Austrian authorities "was extremely difficult," said co-producer and director, Johanna Heer.

"It would take hours to tell you everything... what I can say is that it is impossible" to research ex-Nazis in Austria, she said.

For example, files on some suspected ex-Nazis sought by filmmakers appeared to have vanished, said Heer's co-producer, Werner Schmiedel.

By contrast, Heer said, the state archive on ex-Nazis in Germany is very helpful.

The difference stems from Austria's insistence after World War

II that it was Hitler's first victim in 1938, when Nazi troops marched in.

It was only in 1991 that Chancellor Franz Vranitzky officially acknowledged that Austrians had been both victims and perpetrators in the Nazi era. A disproportionate number of Austrians served as concentration camp guards, and almost all of the nearly 200,000 Jews who lived in Vienna in the 1930s fled or were deported to death camps.

Heer's film, premiered last Sunday to a small audience invited by Vienna's Jewish Museum, traces Wiesenthal's life from birth in the far eastern reaches of the Austro-

Hungarian empire to his time in Nazi death camps and later decades tracking Nazi criminals.

It includes uncomfortable scenes barely mentioned in Austrian public life today.

In 1975, then-Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, himself a Jew, attacked Wiesenthal, suggesting he was part of a "certain mafia" that wanted to besmirch Austria. Kreisky even claimed Wiesenthal had collaborated with Nazis to save his own skin.

In October 1989, Kreisky was sentenced to a fine - suspended for three years - for repeating the allegation of Wiesenthal's collaboration with the Nazis in a newspaper interview.

In the film, Wiesenthal details how he tracked Austrian policeman Karl Silberbauer, whom he

believes arrested the Dutch teenager Anne Frank and sent her to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp where she died. Officials never reacted to the tip.

Other clips show Friedrich Peter, former leader of the right-wing Freedom Party, denying that he served in an SS squadron that killed civilians.

Heer said the film is called *The Art of Remembrance* because "we have an obligation to learn remembrance, memory of things we did not experience."

"The art of remembrance is not only a bold one, but indispensable," said Peter Pawlowski, head of the state television religion department, which is co-producing the film along with the American Riva Light Pictures company. (AP)

European Union's drive to stabilize Mediterranean basin faces obstacles

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ALARMED at Moslem fundamentalist violence sweeping North Africa, the European Union's southern members are demanding that the EU shift its focus from eastern Europe and act to stabilize the Mediterranean basin.

France, Spain, and Italy fear a flood of refugees, growing security threats, and economic strains from instability rocking Algeria and gnawing away at Egypt and other Arab states.

They are also concerned that with Austria, Finland, Sweden, and Norway due to join in January, and a German-led drive under way to bring former communist central European states into the EU by the year 2000, the Union is increasingly looking north and east rather than south.

The European Commission took up the Mediterranean challenge on October 19 by proposing an economic and security pact with Middle East and North African countries that would more than double aid to modernize their economies in the next five years.

"There is a major imbalance to the detriment of the South and in favor of the East. It's time to reestablish balance," said EU Development Commissioner Manuel Marin, a Spaniard.

His plan calls for spending 5.5 billion ECUs (\$7b.) in EU aid from 1995 to 1999 and creating the world's largest free trade zone, linking up to 40 countries and 800 million citizens, by 2010.

Spain is to host a first ministerial conference of EU and Mediterranean states, plus Jordan, next year that it hopes will lay the foundations of a pact between western Europe and its southern neighbors, most of which already have cooperation agreements with Brussels.

Diplomats and independent analysts say big obstacles lie in the way of the ambitious partnership proposed by Marin.

First, the extra money could only be taken from existing programs for eastern Europe or busting the EU's budget limits, both of which Germany and Britain would be certain to oppose.

The Union now gives twice as much aid to eastern Europe as to the Mediterranean, even including funds earmarked to support Israeli-PLO peace in the self-governing Palestinian territories.

In the four years to 1994, the EU spent 1.626b. ECUs (\$2.07b.) on the Mediterranean and 3.781b. ECUs (\$4.82b.) on eastern Europe.

Second, there is little consensus on how to help the Mediterranean countries. Many economists believe increasing aid to Algeria or Egypt risks enriching a small class of profiteers or pouring money into a bottomless pit.

Free-marketters say the answer is to open EU markets to exports from eastern and south Mediterranean countries, but that would increase competition with Europe's own farm produce, so Marin's plan includes safeguards on Mediterranean agriculture.

The NATO alliance and the Western European Union, the EU's designated defense arm, have both discussed what to do about security threats from the Maghreb (Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia) and Mashrek (Libya and Egypt) area this year.

US Defense Secretary William Perry said during a visit to Spain for a NATO meeting last month: "There is no doubt in my mind that NATO needs to be looking south and paying more attention to security problems on

its southern flank."

But European and NATO officials say there is wide recognition the solutions can only be economic and not military.

Third, the Mediterranean countries have little in common economically and some are not keen to be lumped together.

The advanced ones, including Israel and Morocco, have open market economies.

But countries such as Syria and Algeria still have largely state-controlled economies built on Soviet lines, despite timid recent signs of reform.

Turkey, Cyprus and Malta all have association agreements with the EU and are candidates for eventual membership.

Fourth, political differences are also bound to arise. Most of the southern Mediterranean states are not democracies and restrict human rights. Some, such as Morocco, Syria, and Lebanon, are suspected of permitting drug trafficking on a large scale.

And then there is Libya, in diplomatic quarantine because two EU member states - Britain and France - want its nationals over the bombings of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, in

1989 and a UTA DC-10 airliner over Mali in 1988. Past attempts to hold a more modest Euro-Maghreb forum have foundered on the Europeans' refusal to deal with Libya.

Yet in the light of bloody civil strife in Algeria and growing armed Islamic fundamentalist attacks in Egypt, Col. Muammar Gaddafi's thinly populated country is coming to look almost like an oasis of stability.

France, which has 1.4 million citizens of Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia on its soil, not counting their French-born children and others who have taken French citizenship, is the most concerned about the demographic threat.

Yet German and British officials say that, when they press the French to say exactly what they want the EU to do for the Mediterranean region, the answers are often vague.

Italy and Spain are reviving a 1990 proposal for a grouping modeled on the 52-nation Conference on Security Cooperation in Europe to develop confidence-building measures for the Mediterranean area.

But many diplomats are skeptical about the value of such an exercise. (Reuters)

New or organic products growing to market

OFF THE SHELF
MARTHA MEISELS

FOR THOSE who want to start the day the organic way, Elite has begun importing organic coffee.

Roasted and ground for use with filters, it is marketed in a burlap bag, tied with a straw-colored ribbon and labeled "organic coffee" in Hebrew and English.

The bag contains 200 grams and retails for NIS 16.50. Its cardboard tag bears the emblem of the International Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA).

This certifies that the coffee is grown on special plantations, where it is completely isolated from pesticides and other chemicals.

Elite says that the high retail price of this coffee (NIS 82.50 per kilo) is determined not only by the higher cost of organic farming, but also the necessity to transport and store these coffee beans in isolation from others.

The organic coffee can be found at Elite's own Olam Hacafe ("Coffee World") chain of shops and at health food stores.

Not that nonorganic coffee is cheap these days.

One sign of the times is Elite's recent decision to sell gift packs of another of its imports, Jacobs Krönung ("Crown") Coffee from Germany. The green-and-white gift pack, at NIS 25.60, contains a 100-gr. jar of freeze-dried instant and a 250-gr. package of ground coffee for use with filters.

THE STAFF of life is also going organic.

Degant ("the bakery which made lehem kal" ("light bread") a household word - hopes to do the same with organic bread.

It is not the first such bread in the country, but it may be the first to be widely marketed.

The organic bread products with the Degant label are baked at Oranin, the regional bakery at Kfar Hahoresh.

But it lacks a national distribution network such as can be provided by Degant of Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon. The bakery's phone number is 09-683364.

There are three organic products bearing Degant's name: sliced whole-wheat bread, soft brown rolls, and whole-wheat pitot.

I find all of them delicious, but I can't persuade most of my household to try them.

The 750-gr. sliced bread sells for NIS 6.50, while the bag with a half dozen rolls is NIS 4.90, and the package of five pitot NIS 5.75.

All are made from wheat which was grown organically at Kibbutz



For an organic jolt in the morning, Elite has begun to import coffee free of pesticides and other chemicals (left); the non-kashrut bound will find pork and poultry products in Maadanya



Mizra's new Crispy line, which includes turkey Cordon Bleu.

Dorin Frankfurt prefers her creations to hang loose - in an assortment of layered, mix-and-match combinations.

She prefers a loose touch, in velvet, crepe or satin

FLAIR

GREER FAY CASHMAN

WHILE many of today's designers favor a slim-fitting, soft, tailored look, Dorin Frankfurt still prefers her creations to hang loose in an assortment of layered, mix-and-match combinations.

Frankfurt's new fall/winter collection does include a selection of stripes and prints, but her palette is, by and large, made up of solid colors, with ample opportunity for tone-on-tone experimentation.

As always, texture, no less than style, plays a dominant role in the Frankfurt image.

Frankfurt does not entirely ignore those women who want a more defined shape to their silhouette. Though not exactly body hugging, her button-through pin-afores, paired with wide-collared,

exquisitely feminine blouses, are much shapelier than the components of her layered look. Several of Frankfurt's jackets are cut reminiscent of the styling of the 1940s.

Alongside the velvets, crepes and satins is a strong and comprehensive representation of indigo blue denim, offset with self color or black velvet trims and patches.

Much of Frankfurt's inspiration comes from either modern ballet or traditional Asian folk costumes. In some cases, she has successfully fused the two.

Faithful Frankfurt followers who have purchased her bouclé knits in winters past will find them equally attractive this time around. Chenilles are also included in her knitwear offerings.

Sde Eliahu in the Beit She'an Valley under the supervision of the Association of Biological Farmers. The wheat is finely ground into whole-wheat flour at the Beersheba Flour Mills on an especially slow-moving millstone, said to help preserve the full nutritional value.

Per 100 grams, the sliced organic bread has 188 calories - about the same as in the popular "light breads" on the market.

However, per slice, the organic bread is heavier. Each slice has about 63 calories, compared with 40 calories per slice in Degant's own "light bread," 30 calories in its "light halla," and 37 calories per slice in Angelight from Jerusalem's Angel's Bakery.

The organic whole-wheat bread boasts a high vitamin and mineral content, and particularly vitamin B₅ and vitamin B₆.

Degant's organic bread, rolls and pitot are already available from Hadara to Beersheba, including Jerusalem. They have not yet reached the North or the far South.

There is no English on the labels. Non-Hebrew-readers can look for green-and-brown printing on a clear plastic bag with an illustration of a window opened onto a rural scene. Degant promises to add English to the wrapper on its

next printing.

Consumers throughout the country can also look for another brand of organic bread, Harduf, distributed for the past seven years by the bakery at Harduf, a kibbutz in Western Galilee (04-986-5655).

The sliced version is actually made at the same Oranin bakery which makes the organic breads for Degant. A 750-gr. sliced loaf with the Harduf label retails for NIS 6.59.

Harduf itself produces nearly a dozen types of nonsliced breads, rolls and pitot from organic flour, which sell at some branches of Super-Sol and at most of the health food shops.

The Harduf label is also Hebrew-only.

THEY'RE CALLED Reikei Matzo - literally "matzo wafers" - but they are not kosher for Pesach. They are hard, crunchy crackers reminiscent of handmade round matzo, but smaller and golden brown in color.

They are made of flour, eggs, oil, water, salt, sugar and yeast. The hexagonal box contains 12 matzo wafers, 35 calories each. The product is made by a small Tel Aviv manufacturer, Elimelech Hassida, according to a recipe from a veteran Jerusalem family.

The product is certified as kosher and parve by the Agudat Yisrael rabbinic court.

A box with a dozen matzo wafers sells for NIS 8.70 at Super-Sol and NIS 8.35 at Hypercol. Smaller boxes sell at some minimarkets and private grocery shops.

A DIFFERENT kind of crispness is characteristic of Sunfrost's new frozen chicken breast-and-vegetable schnitzels. They come in four varieties - chicken with spinach, onion, corn or mixed vegetables.

My household found them quite tasty, though there was little agreement on which flavors were best.

They sell for NIS 12.95 for a half-kilo package, with six schnitzels. Labeling is bilingual.

They are produced for Sunfrost by O.J. (Of Yerushalayim) near Jerusalem under the kashrut supervision of the Jerusalem Chief Rabbinate. The label boasts "no preservatives, no coloring, no MSG."

FOR THOSE not bound by kashrut, the kibbutz firm Maadanya Mizra has just released a line of breaded poultry and pork products called "Crispy."

It includes such items as Cordon Bleu, made of turkey breast stuffed with ham and cheese;

breaded pork cutlets; beefburgers with a cheese topping; and turkey schnitzels.

Each package weighs 500 gr., and prices range from NIS 13 to NIS 29. The bilingually labeled Crispy line is available at Maadanya Mizra shops and other non-kosher delicatessens.

COOL IS a new line of vitamin-C-enriched juices and nectars from Pri Hu'emek. They come in a 250-ml. carton with a bendable straw attached. The flavors include pineapple, mango, apple, orange, peach and fruit cocktail.

The drinks, without preservative or food coloring, sell for NIS 1.70 per carton.

BARBIE MILK chocolate bars from Vorel Hagalit come with a free outfit for a Barbie doll, if you buy a multi-pack of three bars for NIS 4.90 or a box of small wrapped chocolates for NIS 10.90.

The Barbie dress is a style not available in stores. The offer was made possible by a commercial agreement with Clal Toys, the authorized importer of Mattel's Barbie dolls and accessories.

Individual chocolate bars, 75 gr. at NIS 2.65, do not come with a dress, but only with a Barbie sticker.

Unlike the trendy 'luxury' jeeps on the market, this one has got the grit

MOTORING

JOEL GORDIN

STORM (SUFA) M-240 Four-wheel-drive utility vehicle. Engine size: 3,983 cc. Horsepower: 180 at 4,750 rpm. Torque: 30 at 2,950 rpm. Gears: manual.

Top speed: 146 kph. Average gasoline consumption: 7 km/l. Length: 415 cm. Width: 167 cm. Weight: 2,350 kg.

Price: NIS 101,520 (including VAT)

FEW associate the town of Nazareth with automobile manufacturing. But while Nazareth is hardly Detroit, it is the site of the country's only car assembly plant - Automotive Industries Ltd., founded in 1966.

After a number of years in the doldrums, Automotive is riding the crest of a comeback, thanks to the success of the M-240 utility vehicle, commonly known as the Storm (Sufo in Hebrew). Export orders are pouring in for the Storm from security forces in many African and South American countries. The plant now ex-

ports about as many Storms as it sells to local farmers, the IDF and the Israel Police.

The Storm is not competing with the trendy "fun" or "luxury" 4wd's that are flooding the world market. It has nothing in common with the Trooper or the Shogun or the Pajero or the Four Runner, to name only four of the "yuppie trucks" which ply our beaches during the summer.

The Storm is a tough, spartan 4wd, made specifically for farmers and armies. Its competition - both here and in most of the countries to which it exports - is the formidable UK-made Land Rover Defender. The latter, however, costs some NIS 30,000 more.

The Storm, introduced in 1991, was a spin-off of the Wrangler, manufactured by the Chrysler Corp. (Automotive has a link with the American company). There were a number of problems with it at first, but most were ironed out in the revamped version introduced earlier this year.



The Storm M-240 is most at home when being driven slowly and carefully in the outback.

I tested the short and closed version, which has three doors and can carry six passengers - two in front and two seated on each of two benches fixed to the sides of the back compartment. The long version holds six passengers at the back (three on each bench). The open one has a removable top.

I also drove a civilian version. Numerous other models are custom-made in Nazareth for armies and police forces throughout the world. These have such accessories as gun racks, armor plating and windshield covers. Automotive is also developing a diesel-powered model.

Compared to the previous model, the newer model Storm has been streamlined and made as attractive as possible for the workhorse that it is. Each version of the Storm is shorter and narrower than the equivalent Defender, and it also has a smaller, rather sporty steering wheel, making it less in-

timidating to a 4wd novice. The Defender has a more truck-like feel.

The Storm's finish is by no means the height of luxury, but it's an improvement on the Defender, which seems to pride itself on lack of comfort and frills. The Storm sports a rev counter, while the locally made air-conditioner would not disgrace an American product. The seats can be adjusted for height. The side mirrors may be adjusted manually from the inside.

Automotive has still not taken all the gremlins out of the Storm's suspension. Chrysler's powerful, throbbing, six-cylinder, four-liter engine, which responds instantly to every nudge on the gas pedal, gives it an almost a sporty performance on a good road. But a fast ride on a bumpy road can be a bone-jarring, head-bumping experience, especially for the passengers on the back benches who do not have seat belts. To be fair, however, one is expected to drive slowly and carefully in the outback - and that's where the Storm is really at home.

The Defender - like all Land Rover products - has a permanent four-wheel drive. This gives greater stability on the asphalt, although it increases gasoline consumption. The Storm's 4wd must be engaged. However, this is done simply and efficiently, by moving the subsidiary shift stick into "H4." You don't have to come to a full stop. A bright, conspicuous pilot light will signal the change. The same move is needed to engage the "L4" (low-ratio option). You do not have to align to lock the wheels, nor did I need the low gear.

The Defender has more doors and more space, and is far kinder to passengers on bumpy roads. But the Storm is the 4wd that will ultimately tow the Defender out of trouble.

The combination of the astonishing wheel travel, the nose, tail and mid-body clearance, and the superb engine make the Storm king of the off-road.

For this reason the police, the Border Police, the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, rental firms, and a growing number of foreign security forces, are choosing the Storm over the Defender. No greater compliment can be paid to a 4wd vehicle.

BARGAIN BASEMENT

OFFERS

BEVELED CRYSTAL MIRROR - 10 in. square-style frame. NIS 245. 02-443130 or 04-711553.

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STEREO SPEAKERS - KLH. NIS 300. 03-611440.

PORTABLE TYPEWRITER - Latin letters, good condition. NIS 150. 02-613015, evening.

RADIATOR - 17 ribs. NIS 250. 02-529634.

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2 SMALL TEAK DESKS - 3 drawers. NIS 150 each. 04-222189.

LARGE LEATHER HANDBAG - with detachable shoulder strap, and hand strap. NIS 250 for set; 2 leather belts, NIS 25 each. 05-692901.

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FLUORESCENT LIGHT FIXTURE - two 40 watt bulbs, plastic cover and end caps. NIS 65. 02-252007. NS.

QUIN FM-AM - portable radio cassette, new, never used, perfect working order. NIS 150. 02-245557.

COPPER FRYING PAN - unused. NIS 100. 02-529634.

WOMEN'S BIKE - 10-speed. NIS 190. Art scroll, odd: Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur. NIS 35 each. 02-432430.

LARGE CASE - heavy duty, as new. NIS 70; turtan pleated skirt, pure wool, English size 16/18, new. NIS 80. 02-433857. NS.

DOWN COAT - small size, new. NIS 300. 02-433858. NS.

9 LEOTARDS - name brands, all colors, size 16/18, new. NIS 80. 02-433857. NS.

BOMBER-STYLE JACKET - for teenager, brown leather, fleece lined. NIS 200. 02-613079.

BABY BELL BICYCLE HELMET - 0-4 years. NIS 100. 02-344452.

ULTRA SLIM-FAST - chocolate flavored, 1225 mg. NIS 100. 02-252078.

LITTLE TYRES BASKETBALL HOOP SET - unopened box, 3 years to adult size. NIS 65. 02-819521. NS.

AIWA WALKMAN - NIS 240, new in package. NIS 250. 02-510289. (evens, NS).

BOYS' BLUE JEANS - corduroy, size 12 slim, new. NIS 50 o.b.o. 02-865387. NS.

LEATHER FOOTSTOL - off-white. NIS 80; wig in box. NIS 120. 02-632595, weekdays after 5 p.m.

ELECTRIC RADIATOR - 12 bars, mobile, perfect working order. NIS 300 o.b.o. 02-561446. NS.

CHILDREN'S DESK AND SHELVES - NIS 175; sliding storage drawer under bed. NIS 125. 02-869002. NS.

DRESSING TABLE WITH TRIPLE MIRROR - kidney shaped, white and gold, excellent condition. NIS 300. Ruth. 02-941376.

MAGIC CHEF - small. NIS 100, women's, second coat, English, size 14. NIS 100. 02-510289.

GIRLS' QUILTED COAT - English chain-stone, size 11-12 years, new. NIS 125; lounge chair. NIS 100. 02-814749.

BANQUET DRESS - long, 2-piece, bright pink, polyester with heading, size 8, never worn. NIS 150. 02-732645. NS.

KITCHEN TABLE - formica, plus 4 chairs. NIS 250. 02-702841.

GUN - Colt .45, great condition, military issue. NIS 300. 02-665923.

COMMODORE 128 - built-in drive, like new. "Comet" excellent for teaching kids programming, games. NIS 50. 02-525446. NS.

RESEARCHER ON MOVING INDUSTRY - looking for people who have used a moving company in the last 2 years. Reply: BB-1101, The Jerusalem Post, P.O. Box 81, Jerusalem 91090.

FURNITURE - wanted by Keren Kila for new Russian olim. Will collect. 02-788277. NS.

WORLD'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHER - problem-solver, to take pictures of model of 4th Temple. 02-866240.

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JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY ADULT CONCERT BAND - looking for players. 02-615127.

FABRICS - for making items for pre-Hanukkah bazaar. Call 02-819222, a.m. or bring to 8 Alkali, a.m.

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DINING TABLE - and chairs, also record cabinet, all in good condition. 02-814771.

FILING CABINETS - up to 64 cms in height. 02-479534.

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CLASS 'A' STEREO AMPLIFIER - 50 WPC or more. 017194.

PIANO - second-hand, upright, good condition. 514236. NS.

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GIRL OF ABOUT 12 - to join my daughter in learning painting on silk in Old Katamon area. 02-647788.

EXCHANGE - WANT TO IMPROVE MY ENGLISH - in

exchange for Hebrew or Yiddish. 02-865784 (women only).

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1994

Tsur proposes kibbutz debt arrangement plan

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AGRICULTURE Minister Ya'akov Tsur proposed a kibbutz debt arrangement program yesterday, which includes the appointment of an individual to manage kibbutz debt in severe financial trouble and arranging some of them into rural residential communities (yishuvim shilati'im).

Tsur said the plan is a compromise of individual proposals submitted by the kibbutzim, the banks and the Finance Ministry. The plan is based on a previously submitted debt arrangement plan offered by accounting expert Yitzhak Swary.

The accumulated debts of all of the country's kibbutzim now stands at more than NIS 5.7 billion.

The proposal includes three possible recovery routes. The first one provides incentives to kibbutzim that return their debts within three years.

The second route calls for the appointment of an individual who will hire people from outside kibbutzim to manage their assets and to implement other efficiency measures. Tsur proposes that kibbutzim in severe debt should freeze debt repayments over a four-year grace period during which time the manager will oversee their operations.

The third option would eliminate the communal aspects of certain kibbutzim and turn them into rural residential communities.

Tsur said the third proposal primarily affects kibbutzim in the central part of the country, where the demand for land for construction purposes is high.

The minister also suggested that the kibbutzim establish a NIS 1b. assistance fund to help finance members' pensions that would be funded by the sale of land.



Tsur: Offers three different options for kibbutzim in financial trouble. (Israel Sun)

Ford posts \$1.1b. profits

DEARBORN, Michigan (Reuters) - Ford Motor Co., riding a strong market for its pickup trucks, Mustang and Windstar minivan, reported better-than-expected profits of \$1.1 billion for the third quarter.

The automaker said the strong earnings came on revenues of \$30.6b., up from \$24.5b. in the 1993 quarter, when it earned \$463 million.

Wall Street's consensus estimate for Ford's third quarter earnings was about \$739m., according to the I/B/E/S investment service. Analysts' estimates ranged from \$577m. to \$991m.

Ford did not experience the operational problems that General Motors Corp. did during the July-

September period, and ran most of its plants at nearly full overtime capacity.

But Ford benefited from strong production of high-profit vehicles, including the F-Series pickup truck, the redesigned 1994 Mustang and the new Windstar minivan.

The strong Windstar sales, along with continuing production of Aerostars and Mercury Villagers, allowed Ford to mount a serious challenge to Chrysler Corp.'s dominance of the US minivan market during the quarter.

Ford's Taurus was locked in a tight sales race with Honda Motor Co. Ltd.'s Accord sedan to be the nation's best-selling car for 1994, and was slightly ahead at the end of September, thanks in

part to heavy incentives.

Ford, which is experiencing strong sales at home and improved results overseas, recently raised its quarterly dividend by 13.5 percent to 20 cents a share. The move marked the second time this year the automaker increased its quarterly payout.

Ford said its US automotive operations earned a record \$578m. in the period, compared with \$333m. a year ago, and its automotive operations outside the US earned \$23m., compared with a loss of \$261m. in the 1993 quarter.

The automaker's results were boosted by strong earnings of \$523m. in its Financial Services Group, which had profits of \$391m. a year ago.

Consumption, production continue to grow

JOSE ROSENFELD

PRIVATE consumption and industrial production continued to expand in the past three months, while trade flagged and unemployment dropped further, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Retail trade rose 10 percent in the past three months, while consumer durable goods imports increased by 4%, after expanding by 13% in May and June.

By contrast, overall consumer imports dropped 6.5% following sharp rises earlier this year.

Exports, excluding diamonds, fell a steep 19.7% during July through September. Industrial exports, which make up about a third of industrial production, also dropped 18%, after remaining flat in the previous two months.

Industrial machinery and equipment imports turned around, rising 11% after falling 24% in May and June. By contrast, industrial input imports, excluding fuel, decreased 4% after a 17% rise in May and June.

The trade deficit, excluding diamonds, fuel, ships, and airplanes, averaged \$490 million a month,

staying at May's and June's level. Industrial production grew an additional 3.2% during July and August, following an 11% jump in the preceding two months.

Cement sales soared 299.7%, following hefty increases in the previous two months.

Unemployment inched down to 7.3% compared with 7.4% in the preceding three months.

Tourism, as measured by the number of tourist arrivals by air, was flat following a drop of 16% in May and June.

Residents curtailed their travel abroad by 27.4% in July and August, following an extraordinary increase of 104% in the previous two months. Similarly, residents' local hotel stays fell 18% in the past three months.

Seasonally adjusted consumer prices increased at an annual clip of 15.5% in the past three months, following a 16.5% rise during March through June.

The currency basket rose 5% compared with 22% in May and June, while the dollar fell 3% after jumping 11% in the previous two months.

Insurance agents to MKs: Reject pension fund law

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Association of Insurance Agents and Brokers yesterday appealed to the Knesset Finance Committee to vote against the Finance Ministry's proposal to extend the validity of the pension fund law until the end of March.

The law, which is valid until October 31, forbids new pension funds from purchasing special high-interest government bonds.

In a letter to the Finance Committee, association chairman Shaul Pasternak said the committee members initially signed the law for 10 months, two months less than the Finance Ministry demanded.

"Don't turn a decision on temporary legislation into a decision for continued legislation over a long period," said Pasternak.

In the letter, Pasternak refers to Migdal's and Clal's recent appeal to the High Court demanding they be allowed to purchase special bonds and set up pension funds.

In the verdict, Judge Dov Levin said the pension law is illegal, because it is against freedom of occupation laws.

Judges Zvi Tal and Tova Strasberg-Cohen ruled to reject the petition by Migdal and Clal on the basis that the pension law was passed for a limited time.

Survey: Business leaders see 13%-15% inflation rate in '94

RACHEL NEIMAN

ISRAEL'S top 50 business leaders believe the country's inflation rate this year will be between 13 percent and 15%, while next year's figure won't change dramatically, reaching between 12%-15%, according to a survey conducted by the Chambers of Commerce.

Some 57% of those surveyed support a capital gains tax, and a majority do not believe the tax will affect the capital market.

Slightly more than half of the leaders feel that peace treaties

with Jordan and Morocco will affect the country's economic development.

Some 68% said they were convinced that tax reforms were suited to current market needs, while 45.5% said the latest hike in interest rates was in keeping with the market.

Some 70% said the government's steps toward lowering inflation would have a limited effect, while 25% said they would have no effect whatsoever.

'Bezek can't afford to itemize bills'

EVELYN GORDON

BEZEK cannot give free itemized phone bills to all customers because it would be too expensive, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

It was responding to a petition by Zohar Polobin, who argued that it was unreasonable for the company to charge for this service.

In its response, the state said that providing this service for free would cost Bezek some NIS 40 million a year. This is too great an expense to force on the company,

the state said.

Furthermore, it said, Bezek has already taken steps toward the consumer by offering itemizations of international and cellular phone calls for free, and by giving free itemizations of the entire bill to someone who complains of overcharging, if the bill in question is at least twice that person's average bill.

For all other clients, complete itemization can be obtained at a cost of NIS 3.20 per 48 calls, the response added.

Finance Ministry prepares for next US loan guarantee installment

JOSE ROSENFELD

FEARING further interest rate hikes in the US, the Treasury is making preparations to raise the next installment of the US loan guarantees.

Finance Ministry Director-General Aharon Fogel will leave next week for the US, accompanied by Accountant-General Reuven Kokelevich and his assistant, Avi Elkind, to explore the optimum timing and size of the proposed issue.

The government just raised \$563 million in US loan guarantees last month at a cost of 7.82%, excluding underwriting commissions, for a period of 30 years.

The state raised the previous \$1 billion in US loan guarantees in March at a lower rate of 7.23%, including underwriting costs. Moreover, a year ago, the government was able to borrow at 6.38%, reflecting the steady increase in US long-term interest rates.

Israel can only raise next year \$1.784b. out of its \$2b. US loan guarantee allotment, to offset \$216m. spent this year in the areas.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novell to set up office here: Novell Computers (Europe) will establish a branch office here next year as part of its expansion in the region. Novell will continue to work closely with principal applications and networking distributor Mashov Computers.

"We are keen on expanding our market by building upon the solid bases Mashov has helped us to set up," said Novell's Jocelyne Attal, who is responsible for the southern European, Israeli, and French African markets.

Ministry okays imports of live calves, cheese from Denmark: The Ministry of Agriculture has approved the importing from Denmark of 1,300 live calves for fattening and slaughtering, and 40 tons of cheese. The calves are expected to arrive here in December and January.

The ministry said potential importers are requested to apply to the ministry's import and export division for a license. The ministry has restricted moshavin imports to 25 calves and kibbutzim imports to 75 calves.

Tower Semiconductor has announced its intention to raise \$42 million through a public offering of three million shares on NASDAQ. Up to 450,000 additional shares may also be issued. The initial offering price is \$14 per share.

Bear Stearns will serve as lead underwriter and Furman Selz will act as managing underwriters.

Tower is a manufacturer of semiconductor integrated circuits on silicon wafers.

New Egged spokesman named: The Egged bus cooperative has appointed Ron Ratner as its new spokesman. Ratner has been a driver with the cooperative for 12 years, and he replaces Dedi Golan, who served as spokesman for the last six years.

General Bank is negotiating the purchase of a package of shares from the brokerage firm Epsilon. The bank said the terms of the transaction have not yet been finalized. Epsilon is one of the largest private brokerage firms on the capital market.

Wasserman Enterprises, distributor of "Refreshment" towelettes, contributed 11,000 sheets of moist towelettes to participants at yesterday's peace treaty signing ceremony. The company decided to take action after hearing a radio interview with the IDF's Southern Command physician, who expressed concern over those who would suffer from heat.

Arison buys share of Greek cruise liner: Businessman Ted Arison, owner of the Carnival Cruise line, has purchased 43 percent of the Greek cruise line Epirotiki. The Greek company has a fleet of 12 passenger ships on the Mediterranean. Next April, Epirotiki will offer Israel-Jordan tour packages.

WORLD BRIEFS

US durable goods orders up slightly: Orders for durable goods posted a slight 0.1 percent rise in September, the Commerce Department said yesterday, a second monthly increase but well under the previous month's big gain.

August orders were revised up to 6.4% jump - the strongest in 1 1/2 years - because the auto industry was churning out 1995 models after closing briefly earlier in the summer for retooling. Previously, the department said August orders had risen a smaller 6.1%. *Reuters*

SEITA privatization on the way: France took the first step yesterday toward privatizing the 300-year-old state firm that makes pungent Gauloises and Gitanes cigarettes, in a move as politically symbolic as selling shares in Renault.

Economy Minister Edmond Alphandery told a news conference he had opened a competition for banks to advise on the value and sale price of SEITA, which owns all France's cigarette factories and controls the distribution of all other brands. *Reuters*

W. German inflation rate slows: Germany's Federal Statistics Office said yesterday the annual inflation rate in west Germany slowed to 2.8% in October and economists said they expected the trend to lower price rises to continue.

Provisional data released by the office, which still issues separate data for east and west Germany, showed the cost of living rose 0.1% in the month to mid-October. *Reuters*

Boeing profits down: Boeing Co., hurt by weakness in the world airline industry, yesterday reported lower profits for the third quarter but said signs of sustained US growth, developing Asian markets and the European recession coming to an end should help growth in the commercial jet market.

Boeing, the world's largest maker of commercial aircraft, said it earned \$185 million in the quarter, down from \$189m. in 1993. Revenues slipped to \$5.1b. from \$5.2b. *Reuters*

P&G earnings up: Consumer products giant Procter & Gamble Co. said yesterday its earnings climbed 18% in the latest quarter, propelled by strong global sales of its consumer products. The company said its earnings \$792m. compared with earnings of \$670m. a year earlier. *Reuters*

Continental share prices drop: Shares of Continental Airlines dropped sharply yesterday in reaction to disappointing third-quarter results reported by the carrier on Tuesday. The airline said its net income fell to \$7m. or 22 cents per share, excluding a one-time gain, compared with \$12.4m. or 53 cents a share the prior year. *Reuters*

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Petah (foreign currency deposit rates) (27.10.94)				
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	
U.S. dollar (\$200,000)	4.875	5.250	5.750	
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.375	4.875	5.125	
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.250	4.625	
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.000	3.125	3.500	
Yen (10 million yen)	4.750	5.075	5.125	

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shetel Foreign Exchange Rates* (26.10.9)				
Currency	Buy	Sell	Banknotes	Rep.
U.S. dollar	3.4500	3.4500	2.94	3.4203
German mark	2.0007	2.0009	1.98	2.0180
Pound sterling	4.8898	4.8900	4.78	4.9001
French franc	0.5838	0.5840	0.58	0.5834
Japanese yen (100)	3.0876	3.1912	3.02	3.0879
Dutch guilder	1.7854	1.8108	1.75	1.7854
Swiss franc	2.3850	2.4298	2.35	2.3850
Spanish peseta	0.4942	0.4902	0.42	0.4942
Italian lira	0.4901	0.4888	0.42	0.4901
Portuguese escudo	0.2125	0.2197	0.20	0.2125
Irish pound	0.6890	0.6883	0.68	0.6890
Canadian dollar	2.2225	2.2218	2.18	2.2225
Australian dollar	2.2100	2.2412	2.18	2.2100
S. African rand	0.8857	0.8878	0.78	0.8857
Belgian franc (10)	0.0721	0.0868	0.70	0.0721
Austrian schilling (10)	2.6402	2.6808	0.95	2.6402
Israeli sheqel (100)	1.9599	1.9845	1.91	1.9599
Egyptian pound	—	—	4.20	4.3007
ECU	3.9057	3.9025	0.98	3.9057
Mark peseta	4.8898	4.8900	4.78	4.8898
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4051	2.4051	2.34	2.4051

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Court: Shared residence entitles woman to get money from man's estate

A SHARED residence is reason enough for a woman to receive money from a man's estate as if she was his widow, the Supreme Court said this week.

It was ruling on an appeal by Esther Bar-Nahor, who began living with Gavriel Osterlitz in 1989, after divorcing her husband.

In July 1990, the two bought an apartment together, but Osterlitz died before it had been completed. Bar-Nahor then applied for

money from his estate. By law, if a woman is publicly known to be living with a man, she can receive such funds, even though she is not his wife.

However, the Tel Aviv District Court ruled that for a woman to be "publicly known" as living with a man for legal purposes, the couple must have a joint bank account, since this is the basis of a joint household.

Bar-Nahor therefore appealed

to the Supreme Court.

Justices Meir Shamgar, Dov Levine, and Theodor Orr ruled that even without a joint bank account, a shared residence was enough to constitute a joint household, and thus to make it publicly known that the couple were living together.

They therefore returned the case to the district court for a determination of how much money Bar-Nahor should receive. (Iim)

Motorola Israel finishes chip in joint project with IBM, Apple

RACHEL NEIMAN

MOTOROLA Semiconductors (Israel) announced yesterday it had completed development of a unique microprocessor.

The Power Train Engine Control, part of the PowerPC series, is a joint project between the company and IBM and Apple. The PTEC is the first of this series to be developed outside the US.

The new chip was developed for use by Ford Motors, according to the car manufacturer's specifications, and will control engine functions, in particular exhaust emissions filters, for Ford's car of the future.

The announcement coincides with Motorola's move to its new Sha'ar Herzliya headquarters. The company invested \$3 million in the building, which holds 300 work stations and a direct satellite broadcast conference room.

- PORTS AND RAILWAYS AUTHORITY**
Tender No. 1113-94
- The Ports and Railways Authority - Israel (P.R.A.) in accordance with its obligations with regard to selective tendering procedures, under the G.A.T.T. Agreement on Government Procurement, invites suppliers to submit quotations for:
 - Shielding and Coating 100-200 km. of existing telephone cable (hereafter, "the works").
 - The scope of the work includes the transportation of the cable (on drums) from the Railways warehouse in Haifa to the contractor's plant, executing the works according to tender documents and returning the cable on drums to the warehouse.
 - Potential suppliers must fulfill the preconditions as follows:
 - 3 years' experience in same type of works.
 - IEC VDE approvals, or equivalent.
 - Submitting a sample of similar cable shielding as specified, with submission of the proposal.
 - The tender documents are available at the address mentioned below, upon payment of NIS 585 (including VAT), which will not be returned.
 - The final date to submit proposals is November 10, 1994, at 3:00 p.m., at the address mentioned below.
 - For technical clarification, please contact Mr. P. Katz, Head of Telecommunications Div. or Mr. R. Goren, Tel. 972-4-564109, Fax 972-4-564180.
 - No obligation is undertaken to accept the lowest or any proposal for the above mentioned works. The P.R.A. may or may not negotiate the proposals with the supplier/s whose proposal/s meet the P.R.A. requirements. The P.R.A. may, at its own decision, divide the order between more than one contractor.

The address to write to for the documents and to submit proposals is:
Ports and Railways Authority
Maya House
74 Petah Tikvah Road
11th floor, room 1125
Tel Aviv 61201, Israel
Tel: 972-3-5657064

Laser Industries reports 90% profit rise

RACHEL NEIMAN

LASER Industries yesterday reported a 90 percent rise in net profits for the third quarter to \$1.05 million from \$552,000 during the same period last year.

Revenues jumped to \$9.26m. from \$7.3m., while earnings per share went up to \$0.18 from \$0.09.

Board chairman Benjamin Givli said the results "reflect the company's credibility in the medical community. We feel our current efforts at focusing on developing new products and applications, emerging into new markets, and developing strategic alliances will be enhanced by our strong financial results."

Givli said the company recently launched a new laser product for elimination of lines and wrinkles, hair transplants, and other cosmetic procedures.

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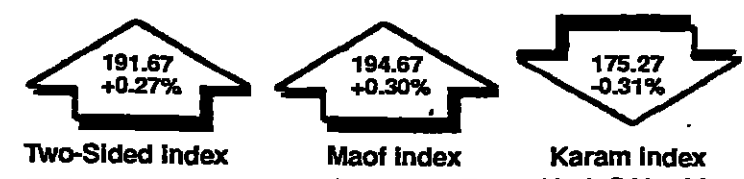
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Market fails to emerge from lethargy

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ANDRE LUMBROSO



THE market has yet to emerge from its lethargy, as the Two-Sided and Maof indexes rose 0.3 percent, while the Karam index, reacting to the events of the previous day, declined 0.3%.

Total turnover was NIS 122 million, of which NIS 36m. was on the Karam market. It seems that the process of stabilization is continuing, as evidenced by the results of the day's trading.

The most noteworthy event was that the market did not react to the signing of the peace agreement with Jordan, although there was a slight wave of interest during the early stages of trading.

First trades, particularly in the Maof shares, were generally being made with rises of 1%-1.5%, but it did not last. These followed a generally positive feeling on the Meretz trading, which was generally buoyant without being enthusiastic.

It did not last. The phenomenon of lethargy on the Two-Sided market is spreading. There were seven companies not traded on the Two-Sided, some of them well known: Industrial Development Bank, Polgat, Malibu, Teva, Note, Urdan, Evergreen, and Avner.

Similarly, there were eight securities which recorded only one trade: Elron, Israel Corporation 5, Tam-

bour, Tempo, Yaad, Cables, Magen, and Shekem Note. These are not lessor corporations or fly-by-night operations, but the elite of the Israeli economy.

The mutual funds industry was the object of redemptions, to the tune of about NIS 50-60 million, and these sold shares to cover them - which was part of the general weakness of the market.

Considering these redemptions, the general results of the market were satisfactory. There are chartists who said the present situation reflects a preparation for the crossing of the 200 line. This would have deep psychological implications, as it would be akin to a breakthrough.

One should remember, however, that this was the level at which the market closed in 1992. Meanwhile, consumer prices have risen almost 30%.

Those with a more fundamentalist outlook said the publication of the financial statements for the third quarter will push the market up or down, depending.

The bet is that the stabilization of the share market will erase some of the sharp losses that the companies suffered on the stock market. On the other hand, there have been reports of a slowdown in the pace of economic growth.

FTSE down 1 point

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Shares were firmer for most of the day but lost the gains in late trade as US markets weakened and in the face of heavy selling in index futures.

Maccabi TA meets PAOK Saloniki in Club Championships

JOEL GORDIN

NATIONAL basketball champions Maccabi Tel Aviv makes its debut tonight in the best-of-16 round of the European Club Championships, when they take on Greece's PAOK Saloniki at Yad Eliyahu.

PAOK has made significant changes in the squad which knocked out Hapoel Tel Aviv from the contest's preliminary rounds last month. The Greeks have replaced American Kenone Lampley with Jerrod Mustaf (2.08m), formerly of the New York Knicks and Phoenix Suns. They have also received permission to field Yugoslav Fredrik Stokic, now a Greek citizen.

Nevertheless, the team's backbone is still made up of veteran national team players John Korfas and the second Yugoslav, prolific scorer Branslav Prelovic.

Maccabi returns to the championships after its absence last season — the first in more than two decades. The club is riding a wave of confidence, having lost only one game (to Hapoel Galil Elyon) this season. Doron Jamchee, Nadav Henefeld and Guy Goodes have all recovered from injuries and have trained with the team this week. Dual citizen Jeff Kent, however, cannot take the court because, according to FIBA rules, he has not been long enough in the country.

The game was scheduled to be televised live by ITV at 20:30, but has been preempted for US President Bill Clinton's speech in the Knesset. According to ITV, highlights will be broadcast at 23:00.

Meanwhile on Tuesday night, Hapoel Tel Aviv won its away game in the European Cup's last preliminary round, defeating Banko Brno of the Czech Republic 79-72. The Czechs led 46-37 at halftime but a sizzling second-half display by Milton Wagner turned the tables. Buck Johnson scored 32 and Wagner 26. The second leg will be held next week at Ussishkin.

Katash leads Galil to Korac Cup win

JOEL GORDIN and agencies

HAPOEL Galil Elyon, playing without Americans Darryn Daye and Terry Dozer, scored an impressive 102-83 home win over Spain's Caerres in the first leg of the third round of the Korac Cup last night.

The second leg will be played next week in Spain, and the overall victor will advance to the best-of-16 round.

The star of Galil's win was 20-year-old forward Oded Katash who notched up a whopping 37 points in a brilliant all-round game. Brad Leaf scored 22, Amir Mukari 17, Steve Malovic 10 and Erez Hazan 9.

Galil led 58-42 at halftime and only looked to be in trouble in the first minutes of the second half when the Spaniards trimmed the lead to nine points. The visitors played a robust, at times rough, game, and four of their players fouled out. American Raymond Brown was top scorer with 21.

In other Korac Cup action last night, Maccabi Rishon LeZion lost 84-72 to Greece's Panionios.

Rishon, which is the only unbeaten team in the National League, played without injured James Gully and Asaf Barnea. Calvin Roberts is still not eligible to play in European contests. Subdued Rishon managed only a

lowly 23 points in the first half (42-23 at halftime). The Israelis recovered after the break and Gerald Paddio, who scored four in the first half, managed to trim the difference to 10. But it was too little, too late, and even Paddio was not much in the end for the Greek club's brilliant Rick Bailey (28 points) and Travis Maze (24).

Rishon's best scorer was reserve Harel Bezer with 17. Paddio and Kobi Balul each sank 14.

Also last night in Odessa, Hapoel Eilat notched a 78-54 win over Bipa-Moda. Brian Rowson scored 26 and Andrew Kennedy 23. Eilat led 47-25 at halftime.

Meanwhile, an injury could force guard Doron Sheffer to give up plans to play for the national team in qualifying for the European Basketball Championship.

Sheffer missed practice for the University of Connecticut last week because of a groin injury, then returned for double sessions Friday and Saturday. But he sat out of practice again the next day.

Sheffer is scheduled to leave next week to join the national team for games in Tel Aviv and Prague. He is expected to rejoin his college team November 13.

Ravenswood saddles up for charity

DEREK FATTAL

MORE than three hundred yellow-shirted cyclists have taken to the saddle in the 3rd annual Ravenswood Biblical Bike Ride, one of the most physically grueling sporting challenges Israel can offer.

This year the sponsored charity ride that pits British participants against the uncompromising Israeli terrain has been divided into two separate five-day stages of around 420 kilometers each.

The first and more difficult phase began on October 17th near Haifa, and took competitors down the Jordan Valley, through Jericho, past the Dead Sea, culminating in a sapping ride up to the Knesset on the Burma Road.

The second stage which began on Monday on the outskirts of Jerusalem passed through the Lahav Forest, Sde Boker and the Ramon Crater. Tomorrow's final lap takes the riders from Kibbutz Yehel to Eilat.

The first hurdle participants had to overcome to qualify for the ride was to raise a minimum of £1,800 in sponsorship for Ravenswood, an English charity organization that operates a youth village, 13 residential houses as well as a community center and educational facilities offering training and recreational facilities to the physically and mentally handicapped.

Twenty-two-year old Lisa Giles and 23-year old Steven Triesman rode their tandem bike on last week's trek from Haifa to Jerusalem.

Lisa, a social worker at Ravenswood, and Steven, born with Down Syndrome, is a permanent resident at the youth village in the Berkshire countryside, which has captured the affection and support of the Anglo-Jewish community.

Since March, Steven has diligently followed a special weights and cycling regime to prepare himself for the event. The biggest problem for

the two riders was coordination and balance. "Steven has amazing physical strength, he somehow managed to keep us going during the hardest stretches through his sheer muscular power," said Lisa minutes after the couple crossed the finish line.

As Steven celebrated the finish, Lisa explained the boost in confidence the ride will give him. "He will go back to Ravenswood feeling much prouder, with a clear sense of achievement. In the coming weeks he'll be the center of attention, someone for the others to look up to."

Steven was one of five Ravenswood residents joining the ride this year. For many, the event took over their lives in the last half-year. Jonathan Hymann, a 47-year old dentist from Tottenham, London, took to galloping his Saab Turbo, and built up stamina and fitness by riding the 40 km round trip between his home and his practice three times a week. At the weekends he would go on longer runs, building up to 110 km rides.

The ride itself is a massive logistical operation. Six vehicles carrying water supplies follow the riders. An additional vehicle provides fruit and snacks for rest stops every 20 km. The group eats its way through one thousand bananas each day, in addition to energy bars and supplements. Three mechanics and a truckful of spare parts support the convoy, as well as an ambulance, 3 paramedics and qualified physicians.

A Sefer Torah has also joined the two-wheeled caravan.

Despite all the preparation, surprises were in store for the riders. The biggest was in Jericho last week where the Palestinian Municipality greeted the riders with a full-fledged reception in the main square. "Half the town turned out to cheer us on, with pipes and a marching band, and provided us with food and drinks," remarked Giles.



THE WHOLE LOT — Members of the Ravenswood Biblical Bike Ride gather in front of the Knesset. (Sarit Uziel)

Biker to get MBE

JUDY SIEGEL

ONE of the participants can neither read nor write — but next month he will become the second disabled Brit on ever to receive the Member of the British Empire (MBE) award from Queen Elizabeth II.

Gary Jelen, now 29, was born a normal baby in London. His parents Martin and Joyce say he suffered severe mental handicap after receiving the routine anti-diphtheria shot as an infant. Such a catastrophic result of the vaccination is rare.

"At first, he couldn't walk or speak, but with much effort he learned to do these things. He understands everything he hears, but he still can't read or write," said his father, while the family toured the Alyn Orthopedic Hospital in Jerusalem recently.

Despite his disabilities, which are not visible, Gary became Britain's handicapped power-lifting champion.

His MBE is not only for his sporting achievements, but also for starting peace parks around the world, from England and Israel to Kuwait and Cambodia. Martin notes that it was difficult for him and Gary, who are Jewish, to get a visa to Kuwait last year, but they finally did after the matter was raised in Britain's Parliament.

"I want to help people like myself. I want them to see they can do things like me," he said.

Alyn Hospital invited him to plant a young olive tree near the entrance to the hospital. Although Gary couldn't read the metal plaque prepared to honor his visit, he beamed when his parents said his name would be inscribed in Jerusalem forever.

Rush reaches century in Cup play

LONDON (AP) — Ian Rush scored his 99th and 100th goals in cup competition Tuesday night to lead Liverpool to a 2-1 victory over Division One club Stoke in the third round of the English League Cup.

The Welsh international struck in the fourth and 55th minutes on a rainy night in Liverpool. Paul Peschisolidi netted in the 41st minute for Stoke.

In other games, fan trouble erupted at Manchester City's 4-3 victory over Queens Park Rangers. Crystal Palace shut out Wimbledon 1-0. Bolton defeated Sheffield United 2-1 and Millwall beat Mansfield 2-0.

In Scotland, Raith advanced to the final of the Scottish League Cup after a penalty shootout with Airdrie.

Stewards removed angry home fans from the main stand at Loftus Road as struggling Queens Park Rangers lost the seven-goal thriller against City. Supporters chanted for the resignation of the club owner and former chairman Richard Thompson, and scuffles broke out

when some fans tried to force their way into the directors' box.

In the game, Kevin Gallan gave Rangers the lead after just 14 seconds. Nicky Summerbee equalized in the 37th minute, but Trevor Sinclair put the home team back in front one minute later.

Keith Curle's penalty two minutes into the second half tied it again, and Peter Beagrie, in the 54th, and Steve Lomas, in the 59th, made it 4-1. Gary Penrice netted a consolation goal for Rangers with three minutes remaining.

At Sheffield, an injury time own goal by defender Andy Scott lost the game to Bolton in a battle of Division One clubs. Scott was trying to clear Alan Thompson's free kick, but instead directed it into his own net.

Nathan Blake had equalized for United two minutes into the second half after Mixu Paatelainen's opener for Bolton in the sixth minute.

England cricket manager wary of one-day experiment

PERTH (Reuters) — England manager Keith Fletcher has cast doubt on an experimental format for one-day cricket which the tourists will try out today.

Instead of the normal two innings, England's 50-overs-a-side match against Western Australia at the WACA ground will be divided into four quarters of 25 overs each.

Fletcher's side agreed to play under the new rules following a request from the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA).

"We've gone along with it for the benefit of Western Australia but I personally don't think it will work," Fletcher said yesterday.

"The public comes along to see one side bat for 50 overs and then see the other side go in. We wouldn't play a game like this if it was just before the more serious business of Tests and one-day internationals — it really is a one-off."

If England bats first today, it will face half of its allotted overs before Western Australia takes its turn in the middle.

The process will then be repeated, with the not out batsmen returning to

the crease to continue the innings.

Fletcher said England would not change its normal tactics. They would look to score about 100 off the first 25 overs, and then attempt to score six an over during its second stint at the wicket.

He conceded that with both sides having to bat in similar conditions, it might reduce the instances of matches being ruined when sides batting first are dismissed cheaply in helpful conditions.

England has decided to rest Graham Gooch, who made 129 in the opening tour victory against the ACB Chairman's XI on Tuesday. He steps down for Mike Gatting. John Crawley will open the innings.

All-rounder Craig White passed fitness test on his injured ankle and will play.

Western Australia — Damien Martyn (captain), Craig Condon, Adam Gilchrist (wicketkeeper), Murray Goodwin, Brad Hogg, Brendan Julian, Bob Kelly, Mark Lavender, Tony Moody, Bruce Reid, Jamie Stewart, Mike Veletta.

England — Michael Atherton (captain), John Crawley, Graeme Hick, Mike Gatting, Graham Thorpe, Craig White, Steven Rhodes, Darren Gough, Philip DeFreitas, David Maloney, Philip Tufnell.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hammond head coach of London Monarchs

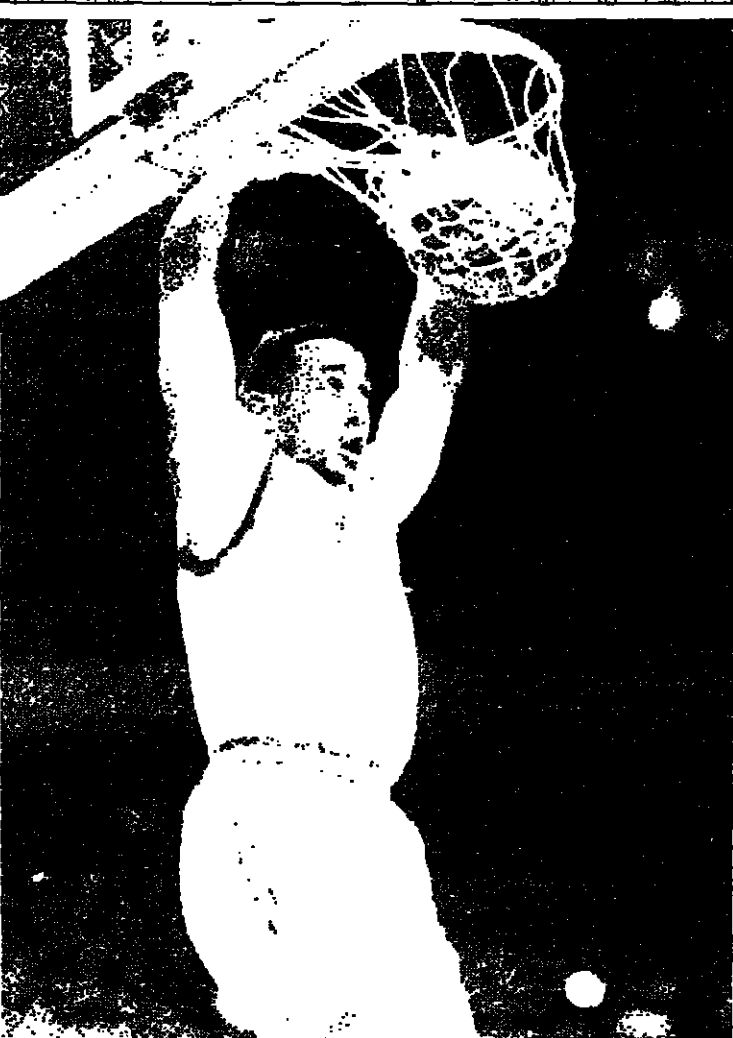
Philadelphia Eagles assistant Bobby Hammond was named head coach Tuesday of the London Monarchs of the World League of American Football, which resumes play next spring after a two-year hiatus.

Hammond, a former running back who played five seasons for the New York Giants and Washington Redskins from 1976-80, joined the Eagles staff last year as an offensive and special teams coach. He will leave the NFL club and take up his duties with the Monarchs once the Eagles' season is over.

OK for Algerian athletes to play Israel

Algeria is dropping its ban on its athletes competing against Israeli athletes because of the moves being made toward peace in the Middle East, Algeria's sports minister said Tuesday.

Bullets basher



New York Knicks' John Starks slam dunks the ball during an exhibition game against the Washington Bullets in Madison Square Garden on Tuesday. The Knicks won 113-98 with Starks, Anthony Mason and Greg Anthony each scoring 18 points. (AP)

Lawn bowls team ends SA tour

NORMAN SPIRO
JOHANNESBURG

THE national lawn bowls team ended its 12-day tour of South Africa with both the men and women losing to their hosts.

The women were beaten 3½-½. Molly Skudowitz, Pina Gelbissner, Merle Swerdlow and Renee Kusman held the Commonwealth gold medalists to a 21-21 draw. The hosts won the singles, as Lyn Dwyer edged Maureen Hirschowitz 25-24, the pairs 17-13 and the trips 18-12.

The men lost 3-1 including the Test series 1½-½. Jeff Rabkin beat Don Pithet 25-19 but the fours of Cecil Bransky, Lawrence Mendelsohn, Chaim Miller and Len Averbuch lost 28-11. South Africa took the pairs 22-19 and the trips 20-16.

Skudowitz and Rabkin won the teams' best player awards while the victorious hosts were led by Colleen Grondin and Neil Burkett.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS — No. 1 seed Pete Sampras (US) beat Daniel Vacek (Czech Republic) 7-6(4-6), 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 in the first round of the Australian Open. In the second round, Sampras beat Andre Agassi (US) 6-3, 7-6(7-4), 6-1. In the third round, Sampras beat David Wheaton (US) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

3-6, 3 in the second round of the Swedish indoor tournament yesterday. LOCAL HOCKEY — But Vasa defeated Jerusalem 8-7 on Tuesday in the opening game of the season.

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Four held for selling IDF rifles to Gazans

BILL HUTMAN

FOUR Ashdod residents have been held on suspicion of selling Palestinian weapons in Gaza. The weapons were used in an attack on a Hamas terrorist in at least one deadly attack.

The suspects allegedly stole the weapons — 20 Galil assault rifles — from an IDF base. The four were arrested Tuesday, police sources said.

Details of the case were released for publication yesterday, when the four were remanded in Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court.

Yoram Livraty, 22, and Charlie Azrazar, 22, were remanded for 15 days, and Yisrael Peretz, 40, and Moshe Ben-Eli, 22, for 10 days.

All four maintain their innocence.

Peretz, a well-known Ashdod businessman, was released on NIS 10,000 bail, "because his part in the case was minor compared to the other suspects," ruled Judge Hama Efrati.

It was reported that the weapon used in an attack was found on one of the murderers of kidnapped Sgt. Nahshon Wachsmann. Police sources,

however, said the weapon was used in an attack in Gush Katif.

"Only four of the weapons have been recovered," Efrati said. "One of those was used in a recent serious security incident, during which Israeli civilians were killed."

Police said the 20 rifles were stolen from the armory of the Tze'elim base on July 31. Peretz allegedly let the other suspects use his car in the theft of the rifles and their transfer to Gaza.

Peretz allegedly had business connections with a Gazan named "Nabil" to whom several of the weapons were originally sold.

Attorney Giora Zilberstein said Peretz, her client, was out of the country on the day the weapons were stolen, and had proven that to police. She denied Peretz was involved in any way.

"The investigation is still in an early stage," said a senior police officer close to the case. "We expect there to be more arrests in the near future."



Yehuda Wachsmann, father of murdered soldier Nahshon Wachsmann, greets disabled IDF veteran Maj. (res.) Samir Wada from the Druse village of Beit Jann at yesterday's treaty signing ceremony in the Arava.

Invasion of construction workers from Jordan expected

THE Construction Workers Union expects an invasion of Jordanian construction workers when the border opens up, union head Shlomo Dahan told a Tel Aviv press conference yesterday.

"From our point of view," he said, "workers from Jordan are no different than those from the territories or any other foreign labor. We want the government to ensure that construction returns to Israeli hands by ensuring decent wages, in addition to the

21 percent pay hike we recently won."

Dahan noted that he "couldn't come out against bringing in foreign workers given the current closure of the territories, but it could remain an ongoing government policy."

David Stern, honorary president of the Contractors Association and head of the Fund to Encourage the Building Trades, said the current campaign to train demobilized soldiers in construction is doing surprisingly well.

"Contrary to the contention that young Israelis aren't interested in working in the building trades, some 600 soon-to-be-discharged soldiers enrolled in courses in just one week," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rabbi Bina, Netiv Meir yeshiva head, dies
Rabbi Arye Bina, 82, the founder and head of Yeshivat Netiv Meir, died Tuesday in Jerusalem. Born in Sionim, Poland, to a rabbinical family and educated at the Mir Yeshiva, he came to the country in 1934. Bina fulfilled a long-held desire to combine Torah study and manual labor as a construction worker in Tel Aviv and in other jobs before founding Netiv Meir in 1952. The funeral was yesterday.

Bnei Brak strike ends

Bnei Brak municipal workers ended their four-week strike yesterday, after the Interior Ministry transferred NIS 7 million, in addition to the NIS 12m. granted last week, so they could be paid. The city also agreed to place its finances in the hands of a ministry-appointed outside comptroller. Mayor Moshe Irenstein said a massive effort to clean up the tons of garbage that have accumulated in the streets would now begin.

Young immigrants perform at music festival

An enthusiastic audience applauded dozens of gifted immigrant children and youth who appeared at last night's 'Soviet Immigrants' Association music festival at the Jerusalem Theater. The event was under the patronage of Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban. Acting Jewish Agency Chairman Yehiel Leket said that, "The Zionist dream of peace and aliya have been fulfilled in one day."



October 26, 1994

Dear President Clinton, We, the Golan Residents Committee, stand with you today, in support of, and with great expectations for peace between Israel and Jordan. A peace which builds bridges of trust and cooperation, a peace which addresses the needs of both partners, a peace which does not infringe upon the human rights of individuals, a peace which does not challenge the ability to secure and protect oneself; it is the kind of peace we can all applaud. This is the kind of peace we seek between Israel and Syria. We fervently hope it is the kind of peace you are committed to working for, in this region.

Our campaign to keep the Golan Heights a sovereign part of Israel, thus meeting Israel's security and water needs, as well as protecting the human rights of the 13,500 Jewish residents who have settled there over the past 27 years, has wide Israeli public support and broad-based political support. Before you can facilitate the achievement of peace in our region, you must realize the constraints on a democratic government whose leaders wish to make decisions that will have immediate and long term repercussions on the entire country.

We also put it to you that, as the representatives of the 33 communities on the Golan Heights that would be directly affected by any agreement between Israel and Syria, we should be included in any discussions and decision making involving the Golan Heights. We believe our request is a valid and legitimate one.

As a leader of a democratic country and as a proponent of human rights, you will understand our questioning the logic of your visit to Syria at this time, although we do not question your good intentions. We must insist, however, that no American pressure be put on Israel and that no unfulfillable promises be made to Israel that would endanger reaching true and lasting peace between Israel and Syria.

We extend to you a warm invitation to visit the Golan Heights. We are certain that, on seeing with your own eyes what this small piece of land means to the State of Israel, you will gain a deeper understanding of all aspects of the Golan Heights issue.

We look forward to receiving a response from you in the very near future.

Most respectfully,
On behalf of the Golan residents:

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Environment gets peace dividends

MANAMA, Bahrain (Reuters) — Israelis and Arabs agreed yesterday on a code for protecting the Middle East environment, an agreement hailed as the first region-wide evidence of the peace dividend.

Multilateral negotiations in Bahrain on the environment and direct talks between Israel and Jordan were launched at the 1991 Middle East peace conference in Madrid.

US chief delegate Donald Bandler said the agreement on what is being called the Bahrain Environmental Code of Conduct for the Middle East showed the parallel between the two tracks of the negotiations to secure a just, lasting and comprehensive peace.

The code, endorsed unanimously by all 41 delegations at the conference, aims to promote confidence-

building and cooperation among the states of the region in the field of the environment.

The Bahrain talks, like all such multilateral negotiations since Madrid, were boycotted by Syria and close ally Lebanon.

The Bahrain code includes an unprecedented agreement to work together to eradicate poverty and narrow differences between living standards across the region as "indispensable requirements of sustained development."

It sets principles such as the use of natural resources on a sustainable, fair and just basis, speaks of coordinated management policies for shared resources and tackles issues like water, marine and coastal environment, air, waste management and desertification.

The Bahrain code is the first to emerge in five sets of multilateral negotiations spawned by the Madrid process that involves virtually every Arab state. Apart from Syria and Lebanon, other absentees are outcasts such as Iraq, Libya and Sudan that have remained outside the peace process from day one.

Other codes under discussion in talks on economic development, water resources, arms control and Palestinian refugees have yet to be agreed.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid attended the opening of the talks on Tuesday but rushed back home later in the day to be on hand for yesterday's treaty signing with Jordan. He was the first Israeli cabinet minister to visit a Gulf Arab state since the Jewish state was created almost half a century ago.

Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel re-elected

HERB KEINON

INCUMBENT Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel handily defeated challenger Rafael Ben-Hur in Monday's election, ending a markedly nasty campaign.

Both men are affiliated with the

Likud, and ran on independent local lists. Ben-Hur made the centerpiece of his campaign a complaint he filed with police alleging Kashriel misused public funds.

With some 63 percent of the voters going to the polls, Kashriel took 63% of the vote, compared to 37% for Ben-Hur. Ma'aleh Adumim, the largest settlement in the territories, has some 20,000 residents.

In the race for seats on the municipal council, Kashriel's party captured six seats, Ben-Hur's three, a National Religious Party-affiliated ticket took two seats, and a Shas-affiliated ticket another two.

In the first ever elections to the local council in Karmei Shomron, the current head — Shas's Gabi Butbul — came in last in a race of four candidates. Butbul was appointed to his post by former interior minister Aryeh Dori.

Yehuda Lieberman (NRP) received 38% of the vote, compared to 23% for Likud candidate Moshe Lorboboin, and 22% for Tzomet's Yigal Lahav. Butbul took 17 percent of the vote. It is unclear whether a runoff will be held between the two top vote-getters.

In Emmanel, the other settlement in which elections were held Monday, Shmuel Lanza, who ran on an independent list, defeated three other candidates to head the local council.

Cabinet to vote on Clalit rescue plan

JOSE ROSENFELD and JUDY SIEGEL

THE cabinet is today expected to approve a rescue plan for Kupat Holim Clalit that will cost taxpayers about NIS 3.32 and transfer control over the fund's assets to the government — while leaving the management in Clalit's hands.

Before it can be implemented, the plan will require Knesset Finance Committee approval. However, the Treasury announced yesterday that the plan would not be forwarded to the committee until the fund's workers first agree to the program.

The recovery plan requires personnel and wage cuts that are to be included in the fund's three-year NIS 537 million efficiency savings from 1994 budget levels.

The government will contribute NIS 38.8 million to help cover severance pay for nearly 1,200 of Clalit's employees.

Out of Clalit's recognized deficit for 1994 of NIS 1.025 billion, the government will pay NIS 900 million, and the fund would contribute NIS 125 million in efficiency budget cuts. The Histadrut would pay the government NIS 400 million it owes the fund.

The government will also cover the lion's share of Clalit's accumulated debt of NIS 4.185 billion, by selling out NIS 2.061 billion. The fund will only contribute NIS 30 million to the recognized accumulated debt through the sale of assets.

Accumulated obligations that are not included in the accumulated debt will be shared between the Histadrut and the fund. The Histadrut will cover NIS 288 million of the workers' unfunded budgeted pensions, while Clalit will assume the obligation to cover accumulated sick and vacation pay to its employees. The fund will also assume NIS 333 million in medical malpractice claims and NIS 826 million of its current deficit, including its debt to suppliers and the banks.

The liquidation of the fund's accumulated debt will be effected by means of a court-ordered arrangement with its creditors.

The government will transfer NIS 100 million a year, for three years, to help the fund pay for equip-

ment, and to help balance the budget of Eilat's Josephthal Hospital, which is in constant deficit.

In return for its contribution in liquidating Clalit's debt, the government will acquire an option to own all of the health fund's property. By only getting the option, which the government may exercise, the state avoids the problem of having the immediate responsibility for the funds' workers. As a result, the fund will continue managing the hospitals, allowing the government to stay out of running the fund's hospitals until they are turned into independent non-profit corporations.

Clalit's management yesterday called on the health fund's 32,000 staffers to agree to conditions of the recovery plan, which is due to be approved by the government today. Clalit spokesman David Tager said that management sent a copy of the proposed plan to the union "a week ago."

However Moshe Zelinger, acting head of the union representing 25,000 of the workers (excluding the physicians), claimed he had not received a final version of the recovery plan and thus could not comment.

Details of the plan released by the Finance Ministry yesterday — and faxed to the union by a reporter — were "quite different" from those the union had seen, said Zelinger. The workers are willing to cooperate, he added, but they are unwilling for it to occur at the expense of October's salaries.

The Finance Ministry insists that unless the workers agree to abide by the recovery plan worked out between the government and Clalit management, staffers will not get their October wages.

The workers have threatened to strike all community clinics and hospitals unless they receive their salaries on November 5. A strike would encompass 25,000 workers at all 12 Clalit hospitals and over 1,000 community clinics. The doctors, too, have so far not endorsed the recovery plan, but have not made a public statement about either wages or the sacrifices they are expected to make.

Wiretapping trial starts today for two private investigators

RAINE MARCUS

THE trial of private investigators Rafi Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur on 40 counts of wiretapping opens in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court today, but defense lawyers are expected to complain that they do not have all prosecution evidence.

Those who commissioned and paid for the bugging have not been brought to trial, and law enforcement circles doubt they ever will.

Police sources said that although newspaper publishers Arnon Mozes and Ofer Nimrod have been questioned under caution several times, there is insufficient evidence to indict them.

The case has sparked mudslinging among Ha'aretz, Yedioth Aharonot, and Ma'ariv, with the latter two newspapers blaming each other for the bugging of the phones and faxes of hundreds of media personalities, politicians, and businessmen.

Friedan and Tsur were arrested when Miriam Nofech-Mozes, managing director of the Yedioth-owned

La'isha magazine, complained that her home phone was being tapped. Police caught an employee of Friedan and Tsur changing cassettes, used for recording conversations, in a vehicle near her home.

Friedan and Tsur were later arrested and charged with tapping the phones of Ma'ariv executive Ya'acov Kedoni and Yedioth employee Yehonatan Angel.

A machine used for tapping mobile phones was found in the office of the investigators, where clerks were employed to transcribe conversations.

The prosecution later produced a list of hundreds of businessmen, politicians, private investigators, and media executives who allegedly were subjects of mobile phone tapping.

Friedan and Tsur were also charged with tapping faxes.

Tsur is expected to plead not guilty, although his partner has pleaded guilty to three counts of tapping private phones.

The two are presently free on bail.

14 military bases will make way for housing

JOSE ROSENFELD

FOURTEEN military bases will be moved from population centers in Haifa, the Tel Aviv area, Jerusalem, and Eilat to make more land available for housing in the country's high demand areas, the Treasury announced yesterday.

The Finance Ministry agreed to the move with the Defense Ministry after conducting an economic assessment to show that the costs of relocating the bases would be more than made up by the value of the evacuated land.

According to the Treasury, the

transfer of the bases will cost hundreds of millions of shekels, which will be financed by the Israel Lands Administration's revenues from the sale of the land.

The ILA has already transferred NIS 70 million to the Defense Ministry to cover the costs of moving the bases.

The following bases have been slated for closure at their present location:

Admiralty, Haifa; Anti-Aircraft School, Herzliya; Altit, Bat Galim, Haifa; Haifa Technical School; Katza, Eilat; Kurdani, in the Haifa Bay area; Manshiya, Jaffa; Mansura, Yokne'am junction; Marcus, Haifa; Neshet, Rina, Eilat; Saint Luke, Haifa; Schmeller, Jerusalem.

TELEVISION CORRECTION

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